

if they were spoken in English? Hindi is cool and holds its own. Hence proved.

All taboos were broken and all stereotypes went out of the window when St Stephen's, an elitist college and home to the English-savvy, elected its gardener's son Rohit Kumar Yadav as the president of the student union. What sets apart the election is that the newly-elected president conducted the entire campaign in Hindi. Close on the heels of the Hindi Diwas celebrated on September 14, **Namrata Gulati, GT Network** brings you more reasons on why we can't get enough of the H factor!



His Highness! Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently announced that he would hold all foreign level talks in Hindi. He recently held talks with South Indian leaders in the language and even addressed the Bhutanese parliament in the language on his first overseas trip! What's more, the prime minister is encouraging the urban population and the golf-playing bureaucrats of Delhi to use Hindi over English.

The government has even ordered the officials to communicate preferably in Hindi, with no exception to social media.

H-in-Glish: Is Hinglish Hindi in English, or English in Hindi? Whatever it is, Hindi never fails to strike a chord with us, hunt us down and find its way in our hearts-anywhere, everywhere, anytime. Even in another language.

No wonder that even the English dictionaries such as Oxford and Collins abound in Hindi words (turn to page 7).

Home is where Hindi is: Arunachal Pradesh, which borders China and boasts of over 26 tribes and 100 sub-tribes, is catching up on Hindi. A recent news revealed that the younger generation in Arunachal loves Hindi. Note that “Arunachal is the only state outside the country’s Hindi heartland to use the language in the state assembly.”

Humari Hindi!: The tenth reason why we love Hindi is simply that Hindi is ours, and we our Hindwasis. [GT](#)

Humbling & humane: Rich or poor, powerful or marginalised, Hindi is one language that gives equal opportunity to all by providing a level-playing field. Case in point: Rohit Kumar Yadav.

The Apps are becoming H-appy: Yepme and Quikr, the most popular mobile Apps on the internet, are available in Hindi too. And the list of Apps in Hindi is just growing!

Hello Hindi: Talking about the internet world; Google Translate is now greeting Hindi too!

Can-nes H-indeed!: Hindi movies can indeed make it to the prestigious Cannes, and award winning bolly movies such as 'Neecha Nagar', 'Amar Bhoopali', 'Salaam Bombay' testify the fact.

H-hot favourite: Hindi is becoming a hot favourite foreign language in the fast

The world is H-india: Hindi is the new English it seems, as the world embraces the language in all earnesty. Other than India itself, the language is spoken in Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Mauritius, USA, Germany, Fuji, Surinam, Trinidad, Guyana, Yemen, Uganda, New Zealand, Malaysia, Singapore, Bangladesh, Belize, Botswana, Kenya, Philippines, Singapore, Uganda, UAE, United Kingdom, Yemen and Zambia.

Hindi is in fact, among the top 5 spoken languages in the world.

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AIS Noida contest edition

Vice president of Seychelles Danny Faure, in an interview to **Ishani Goomer**, AIS Mayur Vihar, XI & **Prerna Suri**, Amity Institute of Biotechnology, speaks about areas where India and Seychelles need to strengthen their ties

All pics: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network



He is known for taking bold steps to revive the sagging economy of Seychelles. He has also played a major role in the development of the islands as minister of education from 1998 to 2006 and minister of finance since 2006. Danny Faure, vice president, Seychelles during his visit to Amity University said the island nation looks up to India for human resource development. Here is an excerpt.

You have served in the cabinet as minister of education and the minister of finance. What are the reforms that you would suggest in both the fields?

When I took charge as the minister of education, the first thing I did was establish contact with different universities as we did not have any university in our country. The students from Seychelles would travel abroad in pursuit of higher education. Now, we have our very own university. It was created three years ago and it is called the University of Seychelles. When I was made the minister of finance, the responsibility of carrying out major economic reforms lay on my shoulders as Seychelles was facing challenges due to the shortage of foreign exchange. We put together a comprehensive programme and today the economy is back on track. Now, I am responsible for

the growth of the IT sector, while I also hold the portfolio of minister for youth. I have a penchant for this portfolio.

What are the best educational practices that Seychelles can adopt from a country like India?

India is a big country and it boasts of many universities so much so that we look forward to India for training our medical students, engineers, IT experts, etc. There is a dire need for Seychelles to achieve technical expertise in all these areas, so we will continue to work closely with India to achieve this. At the same time, I would like to acknowledge that Amity University is a very good

university, where many students from Seychelles can enroll under the distance learning programme.

What has been your biggest accomplishment as a leader?

My biggest accomplishment so far, I would say, has been creating a modern economic model for our country along with our president. Next big achievement I would like to mention is laying the foundation of Seychelles East Africa Submarine Cable in August 2012. It links Seychelles with Zanzibar, Eastern Coast of Tanzania. According to me, it is a major stride in terms of human development. **GT**

A teacher is like an artist who can create something beautiful out of any material you give her!
Ojasvi Sharma, AIS Vasundhara 1, IX B



Graphic: Deepak Sharma, GT Network

Tracking the Gaza crisis



Ending seven weeks of violence in war-torn Gaza, Israel and Palestine signed a long-term ceasefire agreement. *Smita Jain, GT Network, traces the day-to-day developments, which led to the conflict snowballing into a major crisis*

With peace likely to be restored in the violence afflicted Gaza soon, here is tracing what led to the crisis.

Gaza crisis in a nutshell: The conflict between Israel and Palestine escalated to a new high on July 8, 2014, with Israel launching Operation Protective Edge in the Palestinian unity-governed Gaza Strip. The offensive was launched in retaliation to rocket attacks by several non-Hamas groups, though Hamas (a militant Islamic organisation that aims to establish an Islamic fundamentalist Palestinian state) took responsibility of the strikes. This forced Israel to crackdown on the group. The offensive was also in response to the kidnappings and murder of Israeli teenagers.

Timeline of Gaza crisis: Here is what sparked the confrontation in the region.

June 12

Three Israeli teenagers are reportedly kidnapped in the West Bank. Three days later, prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu accuses Hamas of orchestrating the kidnapping and demands the Palestinian Authority's ruling faction Fatah to cancel the unity government with Hamas.

June 30

The bodies of the three teenagers is recovered near

July 2

Mohammed Abu Khdeir, 16, disappears. His family claims the killing was in response to the murder of three Israelis. Two weeks later, three Israelis admit to burning Khdeir alive in a Jerusalem forest. The death sparks protests across the West Bank.

July 3

Israel begins air strikes against Gaza in response to Hamas rocket attack. Israeli Defense Force (IDF) begin amassing troops on the border.

July 8

Israel begins "Operation Protective Edge". In the first three days, 72 Palestinians are killed.

July 13

An IDF spokesperson states Israeli forces have already conducted 1300 air strikes on Gaza since the offensive started, while accusing Palestinian militants of firing 800 rockets.

July 15

Israel announces a ceasefire. Palestinians say they weren't informed. Hamas rejects the truce.

July 16

Hamas offers its own ceasefire deal. Under the truce, Hamas issues 10 demands, including the

July 17

A UN-brokered ceasefire lasts for five hours, before Israel restarts its ground offensive.

July 24

Protest erupts across the West Bank as Palestinians demand an end to Israel's assault on Gaza.

July 26

Both sides agree to a 12-hour ceasefire. However, IDF forces continue to destroy Hamas underground tunnels, as Hamas fires rockets.

July 31

While continuing to call for a ceasefire, the US transfers fresh munitions to the IDF.

August 1

A planned 72-hour ceasefire collapses within an hour. Israel accuses Hamas of staging an ambush in Rafah shortly after the ceasefire.

August 4

Israel announces a partial, unilateral ceasefire for seven hours, before resuming bombardment. Netanyahu pledges to continue the attack until Israel had "quiet and security".

Turn to page 6 to read more about Gaza crisis.

I accept the challenge!

If you are one of those planning to undertake the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, then don't forget to keep some basic points in mind before you take the plunge

Saumya Kalia, AIS Vas 6, XI D

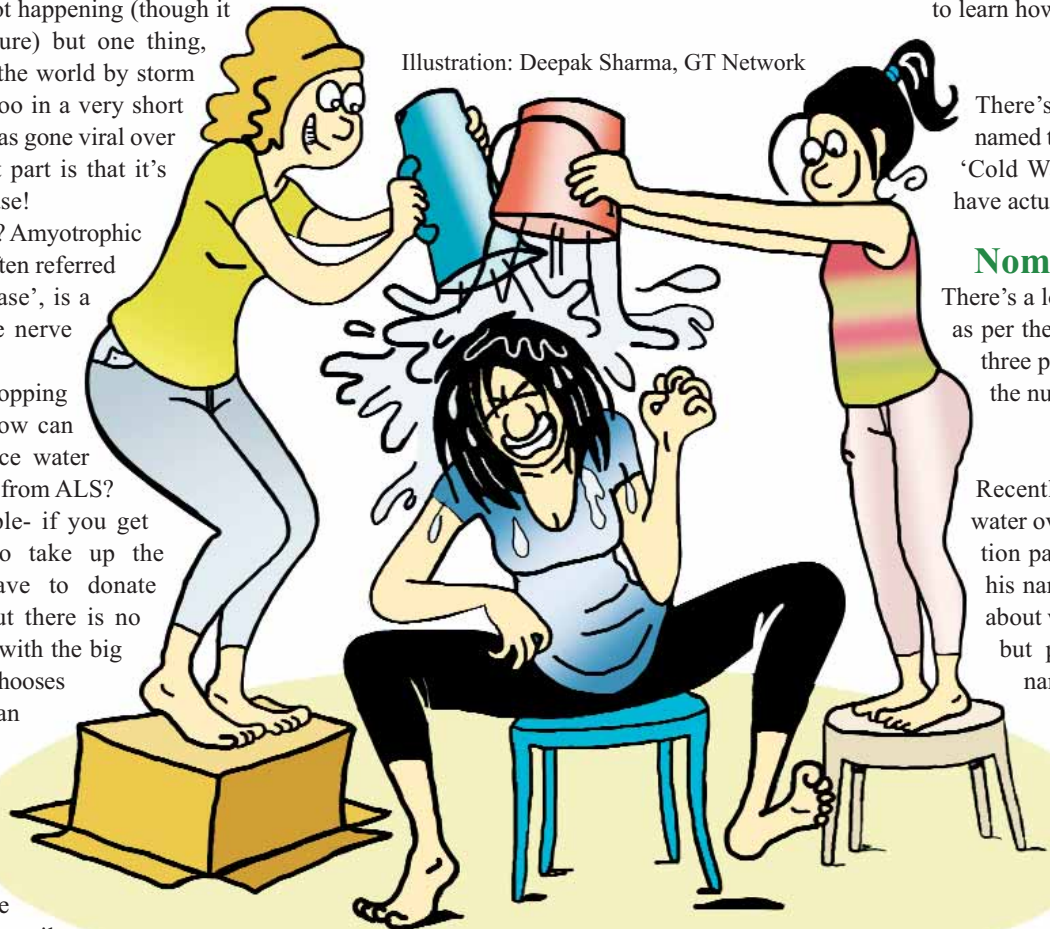
NEWS FLASH: Facebook and Twitter will soon go down by the influx of the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge videos.

Don't worry, it's not happening (though it might in the future) but one thing, which has taken the world by storm (or ice) is this, and that too in a very short duration. This challenge has gone viral over the internet, and the best part is that it's being done for a good cause!

At the outset, what is ALS? Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), often referred to as 'Lou Gehrig's Disease', is a disease which affects the nerve cells and the spinal cord. One question that keeps popping every now and then is how can one pour a bucket full of ice water and help people suffering from ALS? Well, the system is simple- if you get nominated and agree to take up the challenge, then you have to donate anything below \$100, but there is no compulsion to part away with the big amount. However, if one chooses not to accept it, then one can log on to ALS website and donate \$100. There's another option if you don't want to take up the challenge. Well, there isn't any Ice Bucket Challenge Council, which is going to file a motion against

you for not paying anything, but you know what to do if you're a good person at heart (JUST DO IT!) It's not like there are some hard and fast rules to be followed to take up this challenge, but there are some generally implied facts. Have a look!

Illustration: Deepak Sharma, GT Network



Get nominated

One common mistake that everyone seems to be making is that they are undertaking the challenge without being nominated for it. In the excitement of working for the welfare of others, we should not forget to learn how the entire challenge works.

Ice in the bucket

There's a reason behind this challenge being named the 'Ice Bucket Challenge' and NOT the 'Cold Water Bucket Challenge'. Please try to have actual ice cubes in your bucket!

Nominate only three people

There's a lot of excitement in the air for sure. But as per the protocol, one has to nominate ONLY three people. Not four, or five, but try to keep the number at three only!

Give some details

Recently, I saw someone pour a bucket of water over his head, without filing the nomination paper, besides, he did not even mention his name, NOTHING! There's no set format about what information should be mentioned, but preferably one should mention their name and the name of the person who has challenged them.

It's wonderful to know that there are millions of people out there who are ready to accept this challenge or donate money towards a cause which so deeply affects not only our society, but the entire world.

So, have you accepted the challenge yet? 🇮🇳



Rice is nice

Capitalising on the success of ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, India has launched its very own Rice Bucket Challenge to root out starvation. Within one week of 38-year-old Manju Latha Kalanidhi's idea going viral, thousands have taken up the challenge to make a dent into India's poverty-induced hunger problem.

"I personally think that Ice Bucket Challenge is ideal for the American demographics. But in India, we have loads of other causes to promote," says Kalanidhi.

Unlike the Ice Bucket Challenge, which requires the participant to pour a bucket full of ice on their head, all that one needs to do is donate a bucket full of rice to a needy person. Those who want to help more than one person at a time can donate it to a food bank. On completion of the challenge, one can simply click a photo, share it online and nominate others to undertake it. By Thursday photographs flooded the Facebook page of the challenge which received about 50,000 likes. The single largest donation so far has come from a degree college in Karimnagar. About 2,000 students of the college donated 2,200 kilos of rice.



I thank all the teachers for all the love, guidance and teachings that they have given us.

Priyansh Shishodia, AIS Vasundhara 1, X A

US beckons

Beating China, United States of America has become the most popular destination of Indian students who want to pursue higher education abroad

Pic: Deepak Sharma, GT Network

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Study Overseas



Coming next: Singapore

Iqra Khan, Career Counselor
Amity International Schools

With more and more Indians willing to study abroad, the western world is leaving no stone unturned to woo them through road shows, education fairs and special admission campaigns. But, the US is far ahead in this race as it receives more Indian students than any other country in the world.

US bound: Today, the US has the world's largest international student

population, with over 8,00,000 international students.

Meeting the eligibility criteria: Those applying for undergraduate programmes need to possess good scores in US standardised test like SAT, TOEFL etc. Academic record, test scores, personal statement, extracurricular activities and several other factors are taken into consideration.

Cost of education: The tuition fee alone costs anywhere between USD 10,000 to USD 55,000 per year. Living costs also varies from USD 12,000 to USD 24,000

per year depending on the city one chooses to live in, accommodation preferences, lifestyle and ancillary expenses such as books, clothing, entertainment, travel cost etc.

Government Scholarships for International Students: The US Govt offers many scholarships for international students. Here are the top ones.

Foreign Fulbright Student Program: These are full scholarships in USA for international students who want to pursue a Master's or PhD degree. The grant covers tuition fee, textbooks, airfare, a

Degrees on offer

- Two-year long associate degree
- A four/five-year long bachelor's degree
- A two-year long master's degree
- A three-six year long Doctorate

living stipend and health insurance.

Humphrey Fellowship Program: The programme provides a year of professional enrichment in the United States for experienced professionals from designated countries throughout the world. The fellowships are full grants covering all related expenses.

Others: American University Scholarship, Cornell University College, Concordia College Scholarship, Columbia College Scholarship, Iowa State University International Merit Scholarships, Michigan State University International Scholarships and many more.

Top Engineering Universities

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Stanford University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Harvard University
- University of California, Berkeley

Top Universities for Economics

- Harvard University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- University of California, Berkeley
- Stanford University
- University of Chicago

Top universities for Psychology

- Harvard University

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A line is divided at random into three parts. What is the probability that they form the sides of a triangle?

- a) 1/4
- b) 1/2
- c) 1/6
- d) None of these

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Hindi, our official language

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Despite, Gujarat HC's observation that there was no record to suggest that Hindi is the national language of India, doubts continues to reign whether Hindi is the national or official language of India?

Radheshyam Choudhury, Amity School of Engineering quells the doubt

With senior leaders like Rajnath Singh and Sushma Swaraj choosing Hindi over English to address international events, the language has definitely got a fillip, but the misconception that it is the national language of India refuses to die down. Let's see what the Indian Constitution has to say.

It was in the year 1950 that the Indian Constitution declared Hindi as the official language of the country and under Section 120 of the Indian Constitution it was decided that all the parliamentary proceedings will take place in Hindi. But it was in November 1969, this facility was



extended to some more languages. Several decades have passed since then, but unfortunately Hindi language has still not attained the status of 'national language.' In January 2010, Gujarat High Court bench headed by the chief justice SJ Mukherjee and justice AS Dave rejected a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by Suresh Kachhadia.

Kachhadia had filed a PIL seeking directions from Central and State government to make it mandatory for manufactures to print all details of goods like price, ingredients and date of manufacture in Hindi because Hindi is the national language and can

To be or not to be?

The Indian Constitution and the Indian law have not awarded the status of 'national language' to any language. According to Indian law no language can be declared the national language until all the states of the Union of India accept it.

easily be understood by a large number of people in the country. The Gujarat High Court observed that

in India majority of people have accepted Hindi as the national language and many people speak Hindi and write in Devanagari script, but there is nothing on record to suggest that any provision has been made in order to declare Hindi as the national language of India.

No mandamus can be issued on any manufacturer or others for giving details or particulars of a package in Hindi.

The observation quashed all the misconceptions regarding Hindi, making it amply clear that Hindi is not the national but the official language of the country.

You guided me when I was lost, you supported me when I was weak, you have enlightened me all through my journey. Happy Teacher's Day!
Astha Goyal, AIS Mayur Vihar, XII C



Teacher's Day

Geomaty, the social science festival

Innovative rounds and competitive participation from 45 prestigious schools of NCR, made Geomaty a great platform of reckoning



Dignitaries light up the lamp


AIS Noida

Geomaty, the social science festival organised by AIS Noida, successfully celebrated its fifth edition on August 9, 2014. Conceived by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, the mega event beautifully celebrates the cultural heritage of different states. Geomaty 2014 was inaugurated by Smt Lilawati Shastri (*Ammaji*), mother of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, and special guest of honour Ms Pooja Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amity Humanity Foundation.

45 prestigious schools of NCR took part in various competitions divided into several categories. The states selected for this year included Rajasthan and Jammu & Kashmir. As a unique add on, all the deserts of the world also featured in the competition, which incorporated various aspects of social science. The competitions were divided into 7 categories, according to the Class. For Class IV and V, it was folk/traditional dances of the desert regions of the world, while for Class VI and VII, it was rangoli and

collage making. To bring forth the vibrancy of our cultural heritage, a desert region fashion show competition as well as food making competition were conducted for Class VIII. For Class IX-X, there was a quiz, map-reading and interpretation, besides web-designing. This year, Geomaty also included Sanskrit Divas as part of its celebrations.

The judges for the event ranged from professional chefs like Deepak Verma and Avinash Anand, to professors of art like Sanjay Bhatnagar and Shailly Sharma Bhatnagar. Experts from the field of social science included Sudhanshu Sinha, evaluation manager and regional performance, South Asia, British High Commission; Renuka Singh from the international department of CII and Anjali Gujral, an eminent socialite.


Stalls were put up by students depicting different art forms like nail art, hair braiding, cuisines of Rajasthan and *mehndi*. A counter for potter's wheel, put up by NIE had everyone's attention. A carnival of music and dance was staged by the students of the choir and dance group of AIS Noida. A Rajasthani folk song and a dance depicting the festivities of the desert region were the star attractions of the event. The overall trophy was won by AIS Gurgaon 43. 

AIS Noida



Tiny tots during a fun-filled performance


Sawan ki bahar

To educate children of Class Nursery and KG about the monsoon season in a fun-filled manner, AIS Noida organised a theme party on 'Sawan ki bahar' from July 21-24, 2014. The celebrations were a part of the school's objective of imparting thematic learning as conceived by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools. Children learnt about the monsoon season through discussions, rhymes and nature walks. They also witnessed a special assembly specially conceptualised for the occasion. The activity culminated with a theme party wherein the children came clad in traditional Indian attires. School principal Renu Singh and vice principal Soma Mukherjee joined the celebrations too. 

AIS Noida

Parent orientation

AIS Noida held an orientation programme for the parents of Class X students on August 2, 2014. The programme commenced with the lighting of the lamp and the *shloka gayan*. In her address, principal Renu Singh highlighted the achievements of the students and reiterated the importance of discipline in a student's life.

Vice principal Jyoti Arora introduced the secondary school staff and apprised the parents about the latest CCE directives given by the CBSE. This was followed by a talk on vocational guidance and stream choice by Taruna Barthwal, manager and counselor, Amity Career Counseling and Guidance Cell. The orientation concluded with a talk on co-scholastic activities conducted by students of Class IX and X. 


Show and Tell

AIS Vasundhara 1



Show and Tell competition in progress

AIS Vasundhara 1 organised an inter-school Show and Tell competition for Class Nursery to II and an


ad-making competition for Class III to V on August 12, 2014. The programme was graced by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, along with *Ammaji*, Ms Pooja Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amity Humanity Foundation and Ms Divya Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, ASFT and ASFA. Principal Valambal Balachandran extended a warm welcome to 17 schools from Delhi/NCR who participated in the event. AIS Noida was declared a winner followed by Ch. Chhabil Das School and the host school at second and third positions respectively. In the ad making competition, AIS Noida, and AIS Saket finished at first and second positions respectively and AIS Vasundhara 1 secured the third place. 

Krishna Leela


Little ones from KG showcase their theatrical skills



AIS Vasundhara 6

Around 210 children of KG presented 'Krishna Leela' from August 12-14, 2014 to ignite the festive spirit and inculcate cultural values. Six episodes of Lord Krishna's life were beautifully presented on the stage by the young Amitians against the colourful backdrop of Vrindavan. KG A and KG F showcased the birth of Lord Krishna, the hardships parents Devaki and Vasudev had to face in prison due to Kansa, while KG B depicted the adorable mischiefs of little Krishna. KG C staged the act of defeating the demon king Arishtasur. KG D and KG E put up the act of Lord Krishna holding aloft the Govardhan Parvat on his little finger, and the end of Kansa's brutality. A quiz on Lord Krishna was also conducted. 

AIS VYJ Lucknow

On the occasion of Janmashtami, a special assembly was organised at AIS VYJ Lucknow on August 11, 2014. The event began with the recitation of Sanskrit *shlokas*. The children were explained how Lord Krishna took birth to put an end to all evil in this world and that he is believed to be an incarnation of Lord Vishnu, the creator of this universe. A dance drama- 'Govardhan Leela' followed, which depicted the birth and playful antics of Lord Krishna in his childhood tuned to the melodious background of *bhajans* like 'O paalan-hare, nirgun aur nyaare' and 'Mor pankh maathe pe jada'. Gaeity and religious fervour marked the event as everyone welcomed the birth of Lord Krishna on earth. 


Students soak in the spirit of Krishna Leela



Students celebrate the religious fervour of Janmashtami



AIS Lucknow

With the aim to inculcate good values in children and bring them closer to the rich culture and heritage of our nation, AIS Lucknow celebrated Janmashtami with a 'Krishna Leela' assembly on August 11. The special assembly started with prayers, *shlokas*, thought for the day and news updates. A small skit based on several *leelas* of Shri Krishna was presented before the audience in the form of a dance drama. The assembly ended with a beautiful song based on the theme. The teachers incharges of the assembly were Anuradha Singh and Garima Singh. Vice principal Mukta Banerjee urged the students to respect the festivals of India and participate in the celebrations wholeheartedly. 

Honouring achievers


AIS Gurgaon 43

The most important and awaited event in an academic year is the prize distribution for the achievers of the school. To honour meritorious achievers of the school, AIS Gurgaon 43 organised prize distribution ceremony for middle and senior school children on August 8, 2014. In her message, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, appreciated the achievers and encouraged them to reach the pinnacle of success. The glittering ceremony saw 815 students from Class V to XI being honoured for their stellar performances in both scholastic and co-

Young achievers celebrate their victory



scholastic areas.

Dr TPS Chauhan, senior advisor, Amity Group of Schools, graced the occasion as chief guest. Principal Vishakha Chitnis accorded a warm welcome to parents and apprised them about the benchmark set by the students in myriad fields. This was followed by a classical dance performance based on *raga Malhaar* by students. Vice principal Alka Awasthi proposed the vote of thanks. 


A musical Crescendo

AIS Mayur Vihar

The premises of AIS Mayur Vihar reverberated with the sounds of drums, guitars and keyboard at Crescendo, the inter school western music competition held on August 2, 2014. 21 schools from across Delhi and NCR participated enthusiastically at the keenly-contested competition. Renowned names from the music world, singer Ronaldo D' Silva and vocalist Ashton Vaz graced the occasion as special guests. Principal Debjani Sengupta welcomed the judges and renowned musicians with a token of gratitude. The programme was graced by the presence of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, who boosted the morale of the young performers. As the participating schools exhibited their musical flair and talent with great zest, they were cheered on by the crowd. DPS



Students perform at Crescendo

Noida bagged the rolling trophy in the prestigious competition. The host school bagged prizes in individual categories with Sankalp Biswal, X A, winning the best guitarist prize while Nishant Seth, XII B, won the award for best bassist. The programme concluded with the rendition of the school song by the school choir. 



Teachers are the guiding force that enable students to walk on the right path.
Raghav Paul, AIS Mayur Vihar, XI A

Lunch dates with my best friend, my teacher

A real friend is the one who walks in, when the rest of the world walks out. This Teacher's Day, a student shares her experience of having her teacher as her best friend



Sarina Mulchandani
 AIS Vasundhara 6, Alumnus

It was July 18, 2012 when she entered my life. Little did I know that she was God's gift to me well in advance for my sweet sixteenth birthday (which falls a week later). If we were connected, either by a phone call, through a text chat or meeting personally, we would always be talking about

everything ranging from her kids to my sister, and her kitchen to my balcony. The funniest thing was that we were always smiling at each other while crossing paths in the corridor. There was no single day when we did not have any incident to share with each other, or simply laugh over a joke! She would turn into a child in my company and I would become an agony aunt. The best time was when we would had lunch together. She would miss sitting with her colleagues in the staff room, so, that she could be with me for those twenty minutes when I was an emotional wreck. She supported me through thick and thin, scolded me for my wrongdoings, and consoled me when needed. And isn't this what makes friends special, they stick with you even after they know how nasty you can be, but they know you didn't intend to! I can't help, but smile as tears of joy well up in my eyes, everytime I think of her. Now I'm in college and miss her a lot during the lunch time, that gained its beauty from being with her. I realise that I have grown as a person only because of her presence in my life. She came into my life when it was picture-perfect; complete with friends, academic success and happiness, and I feel that our special bond was like any another teacher-student relationship. But, now when I look back, I realise that I had developed affinity towards her because that is what God wanted to happen. A small cute game that the universe had conceived. And I am grateful for it beyond description. Thank you Bhawna Ma'am, for being the perfect mentor, guide, friend and what I call you, 'my fairy godmother!' You are treasured! Here's wishing you a very Happy Teacher's Day! 🇮🇳🇮🇳



cooking experience

I had no idea that cooking for the first time could give me goosebumps, until that night



Illustration:
 Smita Jain, GT Network

Riya Nimesh, AIS MV, VIII C

One of my favourite memories of cooking for the first time goes back to the time when I was just a three-year-old. One day, I woke up to the shrill cries of my baby sister. This was not unusual as every morning she used to cry till my mother pacified her with a bottle of milk. That morning, my mother seemed rather slow to respond to my sister's persistent demands. Having watched mother prepare meals, I knew right where she kept the enamel sauce pan. I found it in the drawer and carefully placed it on the gas stove. I was so determined to feed my baby sister that I decided to climb a chair to open the refrigerator and get hold of the jug containing milk. Next, I

removed a plastic bottle from the dish-drainer, selected a nipple and with great efforts filled the bottle. However, I spilled a large part of it. After mopping the floor with my mother's hand towel, I carried on with my mission, thinking, how proud my mother would be. I placed the bottle in the pan and turned on the gas stove, before heading to my sister's room to comfort her. Having not yet mastered the concept of time, I don't remember how long I stayed there. To me it seemed very little time, till I saw my mother rush towards the kitchen. I saw her quickly remove the pan from fire and place it in sink as a thick smoke accompanied by a pungent odour filled the kitchen. My mother stood transfixed, her facial expressions expressed unhappiness. I was disappointed too. 🇮🇳🇮🇳



What's trending this monsoon

As you reel under the monsoon magic, make this season more memorable with five things that can jazz up your rainy days

Kripi Badonia
 AIS Noida, XI

It's probably the best time of the year, when the rains come knocking at the window pane after long-drawn days of dry heat. So, look out for the following things that make the rains memorable every year!
Monochrome clothes and pics: Floral prints and jumpsuits in monochromes make a reappearance (read: pastel shades). Let your whites and tights take the back seat while you drive ahead in these rains in your skater dress and full of life jumpsuit.

And hey you Instagram lovers! #monochrome is soon going to become the most frequently used hashtag as #Black&White seems all set to become the shutterbug's delight again.
The Aztec connection: You can add a little bling to your monotone dresses by teaming them up with Aztec print necklaces, chokers and bangles. Nails with Aztec designs are a huge hit along with DIY Aztec print flip-flops.
It's time to flip-flop: Stash away those gorgeous stilettos and leather boots, now's the time to flip flop! Heeled *chappals* are majorly in. So, pimp up your flip-flops and be monsoon ready!
Milkmaid braids: Braids are always the best choice during rains, and this year, it seems milkmaid braids are coming back with many renowned celebrities starting to sport them.
Most important of all — mosquitoes: How can we forget the buzzing of our not-so-favourite mosquitoes, when we discuss monsoon. The only way to be completely monsoon ready is to protect yourself from these blood suckers. Keep your non-oily mosquito repellant creams and stickers handy. 🇮🇳🇮🇳

Manchester's mascot

This young footballer was lucky to be the mascot for Manchester United in UK

Kshitij Kumar of Class V, AIS Vasundhara 6, has been a student of Bhaichung Bhutia Football School for the past two years. The young footballer was on cloud nine when he learnt that he had been selected along with 11 other children from all over the world to be present during the first match of Manchester United to be held at the Old Trafford Stadium, Manchester, during the English Premier League on August 16. An elated Kshitij reminisces, "In one of our practice sessions, scouts from Chevrolet (the automotive partner of Manchester United Football Club) descended to select kids to take on the role of a mascot in the EPL matches. My football skills impressed them and I was selected. A short interview was held on the ground. This was followed by a photoshoot and a two-day video shoot by a team that flew down from USA." In Manchester, the football enthusiast escorted celebrated players from Manchester United to the field. What's more, Kshitij's name was inscribed on footballer Darren Fletcher's T-shirt. Kshitij describes his experience in Manchester, "I got to see how the team practices at Carrington Training Ground. I even enjoyed a training session at the Training Ground. Besides, I met team players, exchanged words with them and even played a game with them!" He concludes, "This has been one of the best moments of my life that inspires me to fulfill my dream of becoming a footballer." 🇮🇳🇮🇳

(As told to **Namrata Gulati, GT Network.**)



Football frenzy
 At the young age of 10, Kshitij has quite a few achievements to his credit

- Adjudged the Most Valuable Player in Delhi Youth League 2014 (DYL)
- Declared the highest scorer in DYL 2014 in U-11
- Represented BBFS (U-11 category) at International Tournament in Netherlands in 2013.
- Undergone training at one of the best youth academies of Europe, Feyenoord Academy, Netherlands

A teacher is the harbinger of knowledge; s/he brings us out from darkness to enlightenment. Thank you God for giving us gurus who help us in attaining excellence.

Sweta Sahu, AIS Gurgaon 43, XI B



Reviving Hindi



Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

Hindi is among the top five spoken languages in the world. The importance of Hindi lies in the fact that it has been chosen as the official language of the country. Surprising, but true, 26 universities in the USA have Hindi as a subject. However, the language is losing its stronghold among the masses with English dominating our day to day conversation.

This Hindi Diwas, I want to ask all the exponents of English language, can you appreciate the work of Premchand or Harivanshrai Bachchan in any other language, other than Hindi? Will Bollywood be able to weave the same age-old magic if not for Hindi? Why is it so that we always see schools and offices being converted into 'Hindi Pakwada' days only ahead of Hindi Diwas? Why can't we have these celebrations more often? Hindi should ideally rule the hearts of all *Hindwasis*.

At Amity, it has always been our earnest effort to make students, irrespective of whether they are Indians or foreigners see the beauty of this language. We have several short term and long term programmes, specially customised to teach Hindi to foreign students who register with Amity especially to learn this language, under the NSLI-Y programme. It is their love and appreciation for the language that makes them do so. Another such initiative introduced by Amity was the decision to hold a Hindi Natya Utsav at AIS Mayur Vihar for the first time. It was heartening to see students turn up in large numbers to present the work of literary genius like Munshi Premchand and Rabindranath Tagore. The success of the programme has showed that all is not lost yet. I can still see the glimmer of hope. And I am sure that the beauty of this language will remain eternal. 🇮🇳

Charged connections



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

Having lost and broken few expensive mobiles in quick succession, I decided to buy a cheap mobile with hindi icons and messages. Little did I know that this was going to be a blessing in disguise. In a short span of time, I was so well versed with so many Hindi words that I even began to use them in my daily conversation. Soon I realised that despite having a *vyast* (busy) schedule, I was beginning to make *sampark* (connections) with friends who had been lost. Every word spoken in hindi instantly broke the *maun* (silent) mood with people who actually started lending an ear to hear what I had to say. The magic of hindi was beginning to spread. Even without an effort I could feel my vocabulary enriching besides giving me a sense of pride in being an Indian.

A simple act as change of mobile made me conscious of the power of Hindi. The *sandesh* (message) was clear...the impact of Hindi in our daily lives cannot be ignored. What makes this H-factor (read page 1) *settings* (also adopted in Hindi) so endearing is its rich association with the Sanskrit language that is a reservoir of world oldest religious and literary traditions. The effect of this language has send positive *kampan* (vibrations) everywhere making inroad even into the election campaigning of elitist colleges. The language has definitely moved beyond *urja rakshit mode* (power-saving mode). As India celebrates Hindi Diwas, revel in its many *upyogita* (utilities). 🇮🇳

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Deciphering Gaza: An intractable conflict

With academicians billing the Israel-Palestine conflict as the world's most intractable conflict, the claim is set to become stronger as hostilities in Gaza are likely to surpass any other Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the recent decade. Rajat Rai Handa, an alumnus of AIS Saket presently studying at Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, ponders whether Israel can be tried for war crimes under Geneva Convention.



While completing this article over the course of a few days, the death toll had exceeded from 924 as on 26th of July to 1263 as on the 30th of July according to the official figures released by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, which has been publishing an emergency situation report every day. And of course there is a disclaimer at the end of these reports, which reads, "These figures do not include many reported cases that are yet to be verified."

Bleeding humanity

What is most disturbing (apart from the images and online videos) is that almost 75% of all casualties are civilian with 96% of total casualties being Palestinian. When faced with such overwhelming numbers and news about indiscriminate civilian deaths, especially those of children and evacuees in UN designated emergency shelters, one cannot help but wonder whether international humanitarian law is being followed or not, particularly by Israel. The United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) questioned the same a few days ago and passed a resolution condemning Israel. It decided to set up an independent international commission of inquiry to investigate all violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights.

Israel remains defiant

The resolution was denounced as a "travesty of justice and fairness" by Prime Minister Netanyahu, while the Israeli Consul General in New York accused the UNHRC of "unfairly targeting Israel" as he goes on to mention the fact himself that 56 of the 103 resolutions passed since 2006 in the council criticise Israel with respect to the humanitarian crises or situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, which only serves to further point out the fact that there are legitimate concerns of violations of humanitarian laws and human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territories that have been brought up time and again at the UN but failed to gather significant international traction, till now.

UNHRC under fire

UNHRC resolution faced a lot of flak from various individuals and organisations for being anti-Israel. According to one Col Richard Kemp, (a former commander of British Forces in Afghanistan) "Israel does more to safeguard the rights of civilians in a

combat zone than any other army in the history of warfare," a claim very seriously disputed by a majority of international experts and officials of humanitarian law and human rights across the world, who have welcomed this resolution and actually drafted a joint declaration demanding the international community to come together and end Israel's offensive in Gaza, outlining various violations of international humanitarian law, specifically of various provisions of the Geneva Conventions.

Can Israel be tried for war crime?

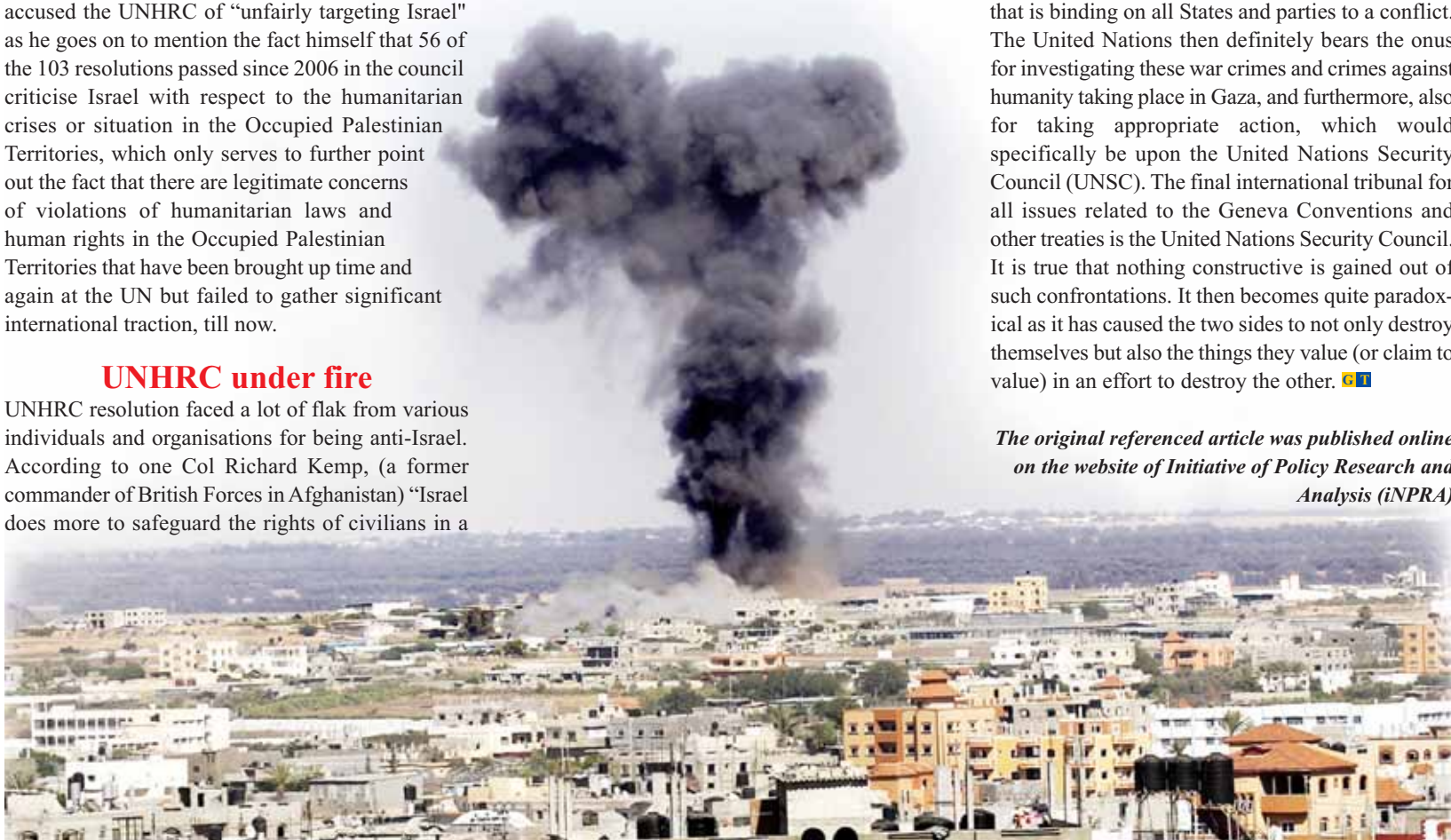
Israel's overwhelming and indiscriminate use of military force in Gaza against militants and civilians alike is said to constitute collective punishment outlined as a war crime in the fourth Geneva Convention. Why collective punishment specifically becomes more important to focus upon for the international community is due to the fact that Israel (to their own benefit) has only ratified one of the three additional protocols, the third one along with all the four treaties of the Geneva Conventions. And while the principle of proportionality and distinction come under the first additional protocol that remains unratified by Israel, collective punishment comes under the fourth Geneva Convention, relative to the protection of civilians at time of war, which has been ratified by Israel and thus under which it can be held accountable and prosecuted accordingly. However, from my understanding, proportionality and distinction are also a part of the widely agreed upon

All about Geneva Convention

Geneva Convention consists of four treaties and three additional protocols that establish the standards of international law and humanitarian treatment during war along with widely agreed upon customary international law practices. Within these laws of armed conflict — as they are often collectively referred to as — the principle of distinction forbids deliberate attacks on the civilians or civilian objects. Furthermore, the proportionality principle forbids disproportionate and excessive civilian casualties compared to the claims of military advantage gained in the attack. But, most importantly, Israel's overwhelming and indiscriminate use of military force in Gaza against militants and civilians alike is said to constitute collective punishment, outlined as a war crime in the 4th Geneva Convention.

customary international law practices and, even though Israel has not ratified the first two additional protocols of the Geneva Conventions, it may still be prosecuted for those as well if a good case is built, since there is a substantial body of customary law that is binding on all States and parties to a conflict. The United Nations then definitely bears the onus for investigating these war crimes and crimes against humanity taking place in Gaza, and furthermore, also for taking appropriate action, which would specifically be upon the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). The final international tribunal for all issues related to the Geneva Conventions and other treaties is the United Nations Security Council. It is true that nothing constructive is gained out of such confrontations. It then becomes quite paradoxical as it has caused the two sides to not only destroy themselves but also the things they value (or claim to value) in an effort to destroy the other. 🇮🇳

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This Teacher's Day, I thank all my teachers for their unconditional affection and tolerance. They have endured a lot to help us grow & develop.
Mythili Misra, AIS Noida, XII I

Shabd-Khoj

These are not just Hindi words. These are English words too. So, the next time you hear an American say ‘*Yaar*, could you pass that *Samosa*?’, don’t be surprised. Ahead of Hindi Diwas, **Pankaj Mallik, GT Network** brings you some Hindi words that have now found their way into English dictionaries...

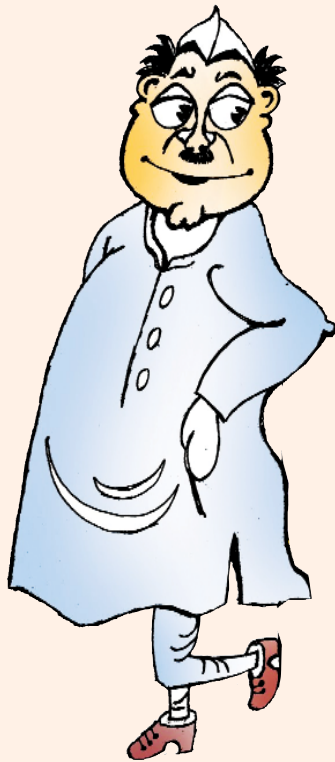
A

avatar

Pronunciation: /ˈavətaː/ *noun*

A manifestation of a deity or released soul in bodily form on earth; an incarnate divine teacher.

B



babu

Pronunciation: /ˈbɑːbuː/ *noun* (plural babus)

Respectful title or form of address for a man, especially an educated one. An office worker.

basmati

Pronunciation: /basˈmaːti, -z-/ *noun* [mass noun]

A kind of long-grain Indian rice with a delicate fragrance.

badmash

Pronunciation: /bədˈmɑːʃ/ *adjective* naughty or bad *noun* a hooligan

C

cheetah

Pronunciation: /ˈtʃiːtə / *noun*

A large slender spotted cat found in Africa and parts of Asia. It is the fastest animal on land.

chit

Pronunciation: /tʃɪt/ *noun*

A short official note, typically recording a sum owed.

chop

Pronunciation: /tʃɒp/ *verb* (chops, chopping, chopped) Cut (something) into pieces repeatedly.

chukka

Pronunciation: /ˈtʃʌkə *noun* circle or wheel

chutney

Pronunciation: /ˈtʃʌtni *noun* (plural chutneys) [mass noun]

A spicy condiment of Indian origin, made of fruits or vegetables with vinegar, spices, and sugar. [count noun] Various chutneys and yogurt dips.

coolie

Pronunciation: /ˈkuːli *noun* (plural coolies) An unskilled native labourer in India, China and some other Asian countries.

cowrie

Pronunciation: /ˈkau(ə)ri (also cowry) *noun* (plural cowries) A marine mollusc which has a glossy, brightly patterned domed shell with a long, narrow opening.

curry

Pronunciation: /ˈkʌri *noun* (plural curries) A dish of meat, vegetables, etc cooked in an Indian-style sauce of strong spices.

D

dacoit

Pronunciation: /dəˈkɔɪt/ *noun* A member of a band of armed robbers.

dal

Pronunciation: /dɑːl/ *noun* [mass noun] Split pulses, in particular lentils.



dharna

Pronunciation: /ˈdɜːnə , -ɑː/ *noun* [mass noun] Mode of compelling somebody to yield to the demands, by sitting at the offender's door until the demand is complied with.

dhoti

Pronunciation: /ˈdʊti / *noun* (plural dhotis) A garment worn by male Hindus, consisting of a piece of material tied around the waist and extending to cover most of the legs.



dinghy

Pronunciation: /ˈdɪŋgi, ˈdɪŋi/ *noun* (plural dinghies) A small boat for recreation or racing, especially an open boat with a mast and sails.

dungaree

Pronunciation: /ˌdʌŋgeˈriː/ *noun* chiefly British A garment consisting of trousers with a bib held up by straps over the shoulders, made of calico, denim, or a similar material and worn as casual or working clothes.

E

ekka

Pronunciation: /ˈɛkə/ *noun* A small vehicle with two wheels that is pulled by a horse.

F

filmi

Pronunciation: /ˈfɪlmi/ *adjective* Of or relating to the Indian film industry or Indian films.

G

ghat

Pronunciation: /gɑːt / *noun* A flight of steps leading down to a river.

ghee

Pronunciation: /giː/ *noun* [mass noun] Clarified butter made from the milk of a buffalo or cow, used in Indian cooking: a delicious meal cooked in ghee.

guar

Pronunciation: /gwaː/ *noun* A drought-resistant plant of the pea family, which is grown as a vegetable and fodder crop and as a source of guar gum, native to dry regions of Africa and Asia.

guru

Pronunciation: /ˈɡʊruː/ *noun* A Hindu spiritual teacher.

H

Hindu

Pronunciation: /ˈhɪnduː/ *noun* (plural Hindus) A follower of Hinduism.

I

imli

Pronunciation: /ˈɪmliː/ *noun* Indian term for tamarind.

J

jungle

Pronunciation: /ˈdʒʌŋg(ə)l/ *noun* An area of land overgrown with dense forest and tangled vegetation, typically in the tropics.

K



kurta or khurta

Pronunciation: /ˈkʊətə / *noun* A long loose garment like a shirt without a collar worn in India.

L

lakh

Pronunciation: /lak , lɑːk / (also lac) *noun* (plural lakhs, same) A hundred thousand.

loot

Pronunciation: /luːt / *noun* [mass noun] Private property taken from an enemy in war.

M

maharaja

Pronunciation: /ˌmɑː(h)əˈrɑːdʒə , ˌməhɑː-/ (also maharajah) *noun* An Indian prince.

mahout

Pronunciation: /məˈhaut / *noun* A person who works with, rides and cares for an elephant.

mela

Pronunciation: /ˈmeɪləː/ *noun* A fair or Hindu festival.

N

Namaste

Pronunciation: /ˈnʌməsteɪ/ exclamation A respectful greeting said when giving a namaskar.



P

pundit

Pronunciation: /ˈpʌndɪt/ *noun* An expert in a particular subject or field who is frequently called upon to give his/her opinions to the public.

puttee

Pronunciation: /ˈpʌti/ *noun* A long strip of cloth wound spirally round the leg from ankle to knee for protection and support.

pukka or pucka

Pronunciation: /ˈpʌkə/ *adjective* Properly or perfectly done, constructed, etc Genuine

R

Raj

Pronunciation: /rɑː(d)ʒ / *noun* [mass noun] Rule; government (Came into being at the time of British sovereignty in India)

rani or ranee

Pronunciation: /ˈrɑːni/ *noun* A queen or princess. The wife of a rajah(King).

S



samosa

Pronunciation: /səˈməʊsə / *noun* A triangular savoury pastry fried in ghee or oil, containing spiced vegetables or meat.

sannyasi

Pronunciation: /sənˈjaːsi/ *noun* (plural same) A Hindu religious mendicant.

sari

Pronunciation: /ˈsɑːri / (also saree) *noun* (plural saris or sarees) A garment consisting of a length of cotton or silk elaborately draped around the body, traditionally worn by women from South Asia.

shampoo

Pronunciation: /ʃɑːˈpuː / *noun* [mass noun] A liquid preparation for washing the hair.



sitar

Pronunciation: /ˈsɪtɑː , sɪˈtɑː/ *noun* A large, long-necked Indian lute with movable frets, played with a wire pick.

T

tam-tam

Pronunciation: /ˈtamtam / *noun* A large metal gong.

thug

Pronunciation: /θʌg/ *noun* A tough and violent man, esp a criminal. (formerly) A member of an organization of robbers and assassins in India who typically strangled their victims.

tikka

Pronunciation: /ˈtɪkə , ˈtiːkə / *noun* [mass noun, usually with modifier] An Indian dish of small pieces of meat or vegetables marinated in a spice mixture

Y

yaar

Pronunciation: /jɑːr / *noun* A friend. It is often used between males in direct address.

In pursuit of happiness

Illustration: Pankaj Mallik, GT Network



“...Be happy and humble and greet situations with strength. Don't cry over lost dreams.”

Where they have a lake, we have a mighty endless river to cleanse and wash away our sins. Those so-called rich live in fear. Here, we have our friends to take care of us. They are poorer, then why do you worry?”

The old lady’s words touched Rhea. The old lady continued, “I know you still want that dream of yours to be fulfilled. Never let go of dreams, but be happy with what you have. No one knows what tomorrow will bring. Those little children might have a lot to learn, but you too should learn from them. Be happy and humble and greet situations with strength. Don't cry over lost dreams.”

And the lady walked away singing and shouting, “Be happy!” Rhea knew what the lady had said was true. She smiled to herself. The town looked more beautiful to her now since she had stopped complaining. But she still held on to her dream of going to the city. Soon, she got a job in the city. She was happy and thanked the old lady in her heart.🇮🇳

Raksha Gopal, AIS Noida, IX J

It was late afternoon and the sun rose high in the sky. The streets of Hanuman Gali in Pushkar were glistening under its rays. The small town was hot, and it infuriated Rhea, who was lazily sipping hot tea from a small earthen pot, sitting outside her little house. She was watching children play games and enjoying themselves. She smirked and exclaimed, “How can they be so happy in this scorching heat?” “It is scorching for you, but they are doing what they love most,” said an old lady, sitting near Rhea. “What do they love? All nonsense! They must be pre-

pared for what they have to face in life. If only I had been taught in my childhood how to get a great job and earn money, I would be in the city today,” she said. “I see you here every day, cribbing at the sight of these children. I guess, you always wanted to live in the city and be rich, but you never could.” “Bingo!” said Rhea. “Well, my child,” continued the old lady, “Don't be sad. I have seen many people go to the city and live there. They appear sadder.” “That’s just not true. What do you know?” exclaimed Rhea. “What do I know?” said the old lady. “I know that where those people in the city have lamps for light, we have the stars to guide us with their brightness.



Fried cottage cheese

Prodipta Sen


AIS Gurgaon 43, VIII C

Ingredients

Cottage cheese..... 100 gm
Bread slices 4
Gram flour.....50 gm
Coriander powder 1/2 tsp
Turmeric powder..... 1/4 tsp
Salt.....as per taste
Chilli powder 1/4 tsp
Chaat masala 1/2 tsp
Green chilli 1
Onion 1

Method

- Cut 1 inch slice of cottage cheese and marinate with *chaat masala*, chilli powder and salt.
- Now cut each slice of bread into four pieces.
- Mix gram flour batter with the remaining spices. Add water to create a thick batter
- Put each cottage cheese slice between two cut bread pieces and wrap with gram flour batter.
- Deep fry and garnish with onion and green chillies.



GrammarGuru

Nandini Mukherjee

AIS Gur 43, English teacher

Exclamation mark — !

History: The modern exclamation mark- ‘!’ is believed to have been born in the middle ages. A theory about its origin is that it is derived from a Latin exclamation of joy – “io”, meaning ‘hurray’. The exclamation mark was first introduced into English printing in the 15th century to show emphasis and was known as the “sign of admiration or wonder”.

Usage: A sentence ending in an exclamation mark may indicate astonishment. Sometimes it may be in conjunction with the question mark.

Exercise: 1. Those were the footprints of a gigantic hound
2. Out of all places, the concentration camp?

Solution: 1. Those were the footprints of a gigantic hound! 2. Out of all places, the concentration camp?!



Don't lose hope

Shatakshi Vats, AIS PV, X B

Don't lose hope,
there's a long way ahead,
there's a bright light,
beyond the tears you shed.
It feels hopeless,
for it was ill fate that you met,
don't lose hope,
there's a long way ahead.
I hope you've heard,
“Where there's a will, there's a way.”
You find your guiding path is all I pray,
“Cheer up my friend,” is all I can say.
Don't lose hope,
there's a long way ahead.

In your heart,
there's upheaval and turmoil,
and you find that
your life that's been spoilt.
But my friend, stop and rethink,
this feeling of hopelessness,
don't let it sink.
Don't lose hope,
there's a long way ahead.
I know your heart is in great pain,
but my friend,
don't let your efforts go in vain.
Don't lose hope,
there's a long way ahead.
“Be strong,” is all I can say
for your dreams will see
the light of the day.
Don't lose hope,
there's a long way ahead.

POEMS Real heroes

Majida Muzaffar, AIS Noida, X J

“I am a true Indian” we often commit,
but the real heroes
are those who have lit
the light of patriotism in their heart
and led India to victory with grit.

They bring glorious victory
to our dear country.
Leaving behind their all,
parents, children and wife,
they dedicate their whole life,
to our well-being,
only then does the country thrive.

When their nation is in danger,
their blood boils in anger.
They are never hesitant or furious,
these are the great, the ever-victorious.

So, here's a toast to every Indian soldier,
who has served this great nation
and made us proud citizens
of this generation.


Let's support these warriors
of the nation, they are the carriers.
Their courage and determination
are of the greatest value,




they're fighting for our nation,
their love for India is true,
they're fighting for me and you!🇮🇳

Sudoku 59															
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Akarsh Sharma, AIS Vas 6, XI B



I love India for here parents are God



I love India for it is adorned with patriotism.



I love India for it embraces diversity

Send in your entries to cameracapers@theglobaltimes.in

Shashwat Das, AIS MV, X A

These pictures were a part of the entries received for GT Picture It Photo Contest with the theme ‘What I love about India’

The tale of a race



Wisdom Tale

Anishk Singh
AIS Vasundhara 1, II A

Once upon a time, a horse and a stag started quarrelling on who could run faster among them. So, the horse went to a hunter for help. The hunter agreed to help the horse and said, “If you want to conquer the stag, you must permit me to place a piece of iron between your jaws so that I can guide you. You will also have to allow me to put a saddle on your back, so that I can keep steady while I ride you.” The horse agreed to the conditions at once. “After all, it’s just a small price to pay to

The horse was very pleased after defeating the stag. So he asked the hunter to get off his back as his work was done.

teach the stag a lesson,” he thought. The hunter climbed on the horse’s back and asked both the stag and the horse to have a race. The race began and the hunter guided the horse to ride very fast. Soon, he was able to overcome the stag. The horse was

very pleased after defeating the stag. So he asked the hunter to get off his back as his work was done. “Not so fast, my friend,” said the hunter. “You ran fast and carried me. Now you will have to live with me and take me wherever I want to go!” The horse had no choice but to follow the hunter as he was sitting on his back with the saddle on. He realised how foolishly he had fallen into the hunter’s trap.

So, what did you learn today?
Rely only on your own self to win in the race of life than on others’ help.



Sabudana vada

Pihu Bhardwaj, AIS Noida, III I

Ingredients

Sabudana (soaked)..... 1 bowl
Boiled potatoes2
Saltas per taste
Black pepper powdera pinch
Roasted peanuts powder2tsp

Method

■ Mix the above mentioned ingredients, till you get a uniform mixture.

■ Divide the mixture into eight equal portions.

■ Take each portion in between your palms and make flat round patties out of each portion.

■ Now shallow fry them in hot oil till golden brown.

■ The sabudana vada is ready to be served with green chutney.

It's Me



My name: Vanya Verma
My birthday: March 31, 2009
My school: AIS Pushp Vihar
My Class: KG D
I like: Toys
I dislike: Yellow dal
My favourite subject: Math
My favourite game: Swimming
My favourite mall: Select Citywalk Mall, Saket
My favourite food: Momos

My best friend: Amira
My favourite teacher: Prabha Ma'am
My favourite poem: ABC tumble down
My role model: My mother
I want to become: A police officer
I want to feature in GT because: I love reading The Global Times every week as it features interesting stories and beautiful pictures.

POEMS

Physics is universe's treasure

Shairyl Srivastava, AIS Lucknow, VIII B

Raman sees a possibility in impossibility, dancing for all eternity. Thinks the physicist where he lies, what miracles of cosmic snake eyes! So he explores the world for new equations, finding they are wrong on several occasions. The universe must have rules! But first we must find all its tools. Physics is just like an illusion, thriving on our confusion. Though it's impossible to measure, it's the universe's greatest treasure. There is that mystical demonstration, revealing itself in views of destination. So, thank the physicist's gaze for that is what creates these days. Physicists like Raman have always something to find, discoveries that have bamboozled everyone's mind. He discovers things that have evaded everyone's detection, with all a single connection.

Someone is I

Lakshita Bhatia, AIS Gurgaon 46, VI H

Everyone is someone, but someone is not everyone. That someone is I, do you know why?


Now let me explain, it should not go in vain. One day I took myself on a date, that day was really great.

I did addition of lots of my happiness, as for others, I did subtraction of sadness. I helped needy for division of their grief, it gives me multiplication of my relief. I thanked myself for a perfect day, everyone should understand that way. We should not expect happiness from others, as it gives us unnecessary bothers. Someone keeps me happy, that someone is I and only I.



I dream

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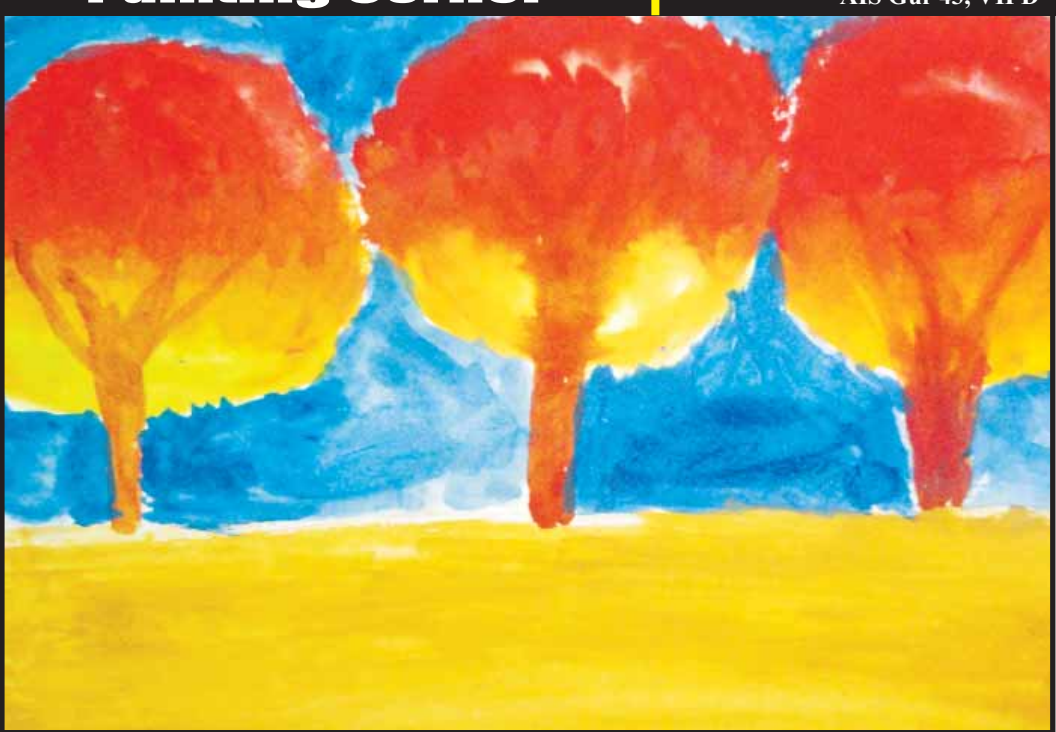


I have a dream to be a teacher because I like all my teachers a lot and want to be like them. They are very sweet and intelligent. My teachers love us and make us learn something new each day. They encourage us to read, write and paint. Teaching has always fascinated me. I would wear a beautiful saree, have books in my hands and students around. I will work hard to make my students better human beings rather than just scholars.

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amiown in Gurgaon



Engrossed Amies enjoying learning



Special presentation Performing for their parents

Incorporating best practices from all over the world, Amiown presents a holistic curriculum suited to overall development of pre schoolers that encourages them to discover new facets of their personality

Methodology and best practices

able and visionary guidance of Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson of Amiown Schools. The Amiown Preschool Programme is an integration of carefully researched best practices from all over the world.

Here, the teaching methodology follows a healthy combination of regular activities for the all-round development of children.

Monthly themes: Each month revolves around a theme integrated in the curriculum to focus on various develop-

mental domains such as knowledge and understanding, language and literacy, numerical intelligence, social and emotional development, music and movement, gross and fine motor development. Every child's unique multiple intelligences are developed through extra-curricular activities.

Circle time: The 'child originated and teacher framed' curriculum is followed by conducting circle time interactions with the children everyday where open-ended questions give them opportunities to express themselves with freedom and confidence. Amiown beautifully grooms the little ones to be self disciplined and

develop self help skills through Montessori activities.

Jolly Phonics: The base of phonetics-the relation between letters and their sound is inculcated through one of the best internationally accepted approaches of Jolly Phonics.

Experiential learning: Activities, excursions and field trips help children gain knowledge and confidence. A developmentally appropriate and inclusive curriculum is adopted with a multi sensorial approach at all times.

Parent enrichment programmes: Various programmes for parents are organised at Amiown including Parent

Enrichment Workshop, Amiown Kahani Tree Club, etc. Learning of the children is made transparent to parents by sharing a Weekly Documentation, E - Portfolio and Facebook photos and videos of activities regularly. [G+1](#)

Amiown Gurgaon
Shilpi, Amiown Gurgaon, Teacher

Amiown, a leading preschool in Gurgaon, is nurturing happy and lifelong learners under the

Infrastructural delight

The sprawling campus offers specially created spacious zones and beautifully done up multipurpose rooms for the overall development of children

Amiown Gurgaon
Indu, Amiown Gurgaon, Teacher

The standalone Amiown Gurgaon campus has been designed prioritising the safety and security of its young learners. With a built up area of 40,000 sq ft, the sprawling campus offers spacious and naturally lit indoor as well as outdoor spaces for learning and play. **Some of the unique and salient features of the campus are:**

Spacious rooms: Amiown has spacious,

clean and air conditioned classrooms, well equipped with age appropriate, non toxic and internationally branded learning material to unleash the full potential of children.

Medical room: Fully equipped medical room compliant with CBSE norms, with a qualified full time nurse on campus ensures the children's medical requirements are catered to immediately. An emergency ambulance is available 24X7 in the school campus.

Multipurpose rooms: Four indoor multipurpose rooms of 1,200 sq ft area pro-

vide great opportunities for indoor play, sports like indoor skating and taekwondo, spacious hall for kinder dance and ballet, as well as group presentations and assemblies. A large colourful and stimulating standalone play unit comprising swings, see saw, sand pit area, slides and jungle gym keeps the children productively occupied.

Activity room: The specially designed activity room is the perfect space for Amitots- the mother toddler programme. Besides doubling up as a Montessori activity room, the activity room serves as

the counselor's corner to look after the special needs of children through one-to-one attention by a professional trainer.

Kitchen: Hygienic and balanced meals are cooked for the children in the fully equipped and well stocked kitchen.

Garden area: The beautifully landscaped garden area is ideal for children to explore, enjoy and spend quality time with the nature. It is also great for unstructured activity.

Library: A fully stacked class library encourages children to pick up and browse through any book of their choice,

thus developing a love for books.

AV room: A state-of-the-art audio visual room has been designed for a better learning experience with age appropriate media files for children.

AC transport: Air conditioned and escorted transport facility is available for pick up and drop of children.

Day care: Day care centre where children are nurtured under the guidance of well trained staff till 6.30 pm is available. [G+1](#)



United we stand Ms Sapna Chauhan with Amiown teachers and educationists



It's time for some fun Enjoying with the families



Happy and healthy Eating together

spotlight



Row my boat Learning together



Place it right! Learning from each other



I am strongest! Enjoying taekwondo session

Activities galore

At Amiown children are involved in a multitude of enjoyable and interesting activities to help them unleash their highest potential

Amiown Gurgaon
Atreyee, Amiown Gurgaon, Teacher

It is a constant endeavour at Amiown to provide holistic education to children and address their multiple intelligences. Amiown brings forth a plethora of activities to children in their daily schedules such as taekwondo, skating, ballet dancing, kinder dance, Montessori lab, kiddies kitchenette and many more, including post school hours activities for day care children. The benefits of such activities are manifold.

Nurturing talent: Activities of diverse kinds allow children to explore their areas of interest. The continuous expo-

sure to multiple disciplines helps hone their innate talents and thus, enhances their confidence.

Raising self esteem: Extra-curricular activities help raise children's self esteem, as every child wants to find something that s/he is really good at. Monthly presentations help boost their oratory skills and tackle stage fear.

Building motor skills: Physical activities such as PEC activity, skating or taekwondo build their physical abilities, particularly gross motor skills. Running, throwing a ball and other physical forms of play in the lush green gardens of Amiown help children develop muscle strength and balance. Fine motor control helps perform precise ac-

tions during kiddies kitchenette, which in turn, peps up their creative skills.

Developing social skills: Through specially designed activities, children learn how to act appropriately in certain social situations. Celebrating festivals such as Janmashtami, Independence day and events such as Mother's Day or Grandparent's day with the children, help them connect with the community. These activities help the facilitators to identify each child's strength and accommodate different children according to their orientation of learning.



Challenges are fun: Amies enjoying surmounting obstacles



Day care centre Sleeping peacefully



Magnificent! Amiown Gurgaon

For registration in Pre-Nursery, Nursery, KG and Day care, apply online at www.amiown.com/admissions



Colourful rush Bonding together



Delightful act Amies engaged in role play



Watch your step! Amies striving for perfect balance

Teacher's Day is a tribute to our great educators, the one day when we can finally pay them back!

Devika Bassi, AIS Pushp Vihar, XII A



It's Your Day

Movie Buffs



Each one of us waits for that one free day to do whatever we want, however we want. However, when that day does roll around, we find ourselves... lost. But not to worry, here's your very own guide customised to suit your tastes. In this **part 7** of ten part series, we bring to you a day planned for movie buffs.

It has given us countless happy moments, when we laughed to our heart's content. It brought alive human emotions as we cried, sharing the 'reel' sorrow of our stars. It is Cinema. So, dedicating one day to the love of it only seems fair. **Kashish Minocha**, AIS Saket, alumnus, plans the perfect day

Movie Makeover

Live life like your favourite star right from the minute you wake up.

Wake up: There's nothing like waking up to one of the songs from your favourite movies. You can either get ready for the day like Ranbir from Wake Up Sid or dance your way to 'It's Raining Men' like Kareena from K3G.

Baal-baal: Why not treat your hair? Get a haircut like one of your favourite movie stars.

Dress up: Look like your favourite stars. It's easy. Go the high street way a la Sonam Kapoor or mix and match from flea markets to create your favourite celeb inspired look.

*Hot tip: The Kareena wali saree is available at Sarojini Nagar at unbelievable prices.



Learn a little?

Get to know the industry and the stars better. A look at some of the choices...

Magzi-mised: Pick the time tested Filmfare and Stardust and you have all that you need to know about the latest ins and outs of Bollywood.

Call the doc: There are some excellent documentaries out there that can give you a sneak peek into the industry and the lives of your favourite stars. Woody Allen: A documentary, A phenomenon named Yash Chopra & Flashback with Amitabh Bachchan are some great picks.

Book-ed: Chaplin: His Life and Art, The New Biographical Dictionary of Film, Pictures at a Revolution are some books every film lover must have!

Chill it!

If you want to do more than just sitting at home and watching your favourite movies, then chill out at these places.

Iron Curtain, Hauz Khas Village:

With a small place of the restaurant dedicated to movie screening and that too for free, this one is a great choice if you

wish to catch on some unconventional cinema.

Chalchitra Cafe, GK II: A red carpet welcome that leads you to a filmy den sets the perfect ambience. The film magazine like menu is the cherry on the cake.

Big Chill: This one gets a thumbs up for the amazing movie posters that adorn the walls, perfect for anyone with a filmy heart.



Be the hero

Pick up a scene from one of your favourite movies, and be the hero.

- Throw a golgappa challenge to your friend as it happens in Rab Ne Bana Di Jodi.
- Dress up and go to some stranger's marriage like in 3 Idiots; at your own risk though!
- Climb up your water tank (imaginary) and shout 'Mausiji' like Dharmendra from Sholay.

Get smart

There are apps for everyone – bookworms, music lovers etc. How can we be lagging behind either?

Location Scout: This cool app maps out the actual spots where your favourite films were shot.

RunnPee: This one helps you get over the non tolerable parts of a movie. It tells you when

you can be away from the movie and for how long.

IMDb: This is your go-to for anything that you need to know about any movie; yes, any movie.



Filmistan

Too much to do when you have a day dedicated to movies. Nonetheless, here are a few suggestions.

Movie marathon: Snuggle under covers, grab that popcorn and watch all the movies you've wanted to. It will be a good idea to pick up one of the popular series. Hint: James Bond series.

Film festival: There will always be an interesting film festival that grips the capital. Find out one and check out some amazing movies.

Home theatre: Watching movies is even more fun when done with family or friends. Set up that couch, dim the lights, make some popcorn and nachos and welcome everybody to your very own multiplex.

Clubbin

Film making is an art. The more you see, the more you learn. Hence, these film clubs could be just your thing.

- The Habitat Film Club at the Indian Habitat Centre
- Kunzum Film Club
- Shamiana – The Short Film Club
- Lightcube Film Society
- Mocha Film Club
- New Delhi Film Society

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Vedant Aggarwal, II L & Darsh Aggarwal, Nursery K of AIS Noida pose with The Global Times outside Navy Pier, Chicago. Navy Pier is a 3,300 ft long (1,010 m) pier on the shoreline of Lake Michigan and is Chicago's number one tourist attraction.

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