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One step forward Two steps backward

The steady walk up the ladder of advancement ends on a rung of destruction. A hundred years after the First World War, is the world today a safer place to live in? Here is a fact file of the events of the last century.

Ritwik Kumar, AIS Noida, XII H

August 2, 1914: Minutes before the first shot is fired, German soldiers wait with numb fingers on the war front, believing they will be home before Christmas. Little do they know that they will ignite the spark that will plunge the earth into one of the darkest phases ever.

The world took one step forward for soldiers showcased unprecedented courage.

The world went two steps backward for mankind bled as more than 15 million lives were lost.

100 years later... soldiers are still brave, still struggling.

September 1939: Even before the wounds of the first war could heal, a second conflict broke out, threatening the existence of our race. Weapons are produced on a mass scale, transforming the world into a pit of destruction.

One step forward: The economy grew; courtesy – mass production of weapons.

Two steps backward: The idea that war is the only solution to peace had finally settled in.

August 6, 1945: Chaos, destruction and death ensue. Hiroshima & Nagasaki succumb to the devils in mankind, opening arms to the world's first nuclear tragedy.

One step forward: The world had learnt to make its first nuclear weapon.

Two steps backward: Humanity had witnessed its dark day, the scars of the injury still conspicuous in the cities that suffered the devastation.

October 24, 1945: The United Nations comes into existence, promising lasting international peace. By uniting,



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man has proven that the dye is not cast yet, that we still have the power to change our future. Either a massive setback will follow, or lasting harmony will prevail.

One step forward: Humanity, it seems has prevailed in the storm of brutality, blood and loss.

Two steps backward: It took millions of lives before both sides took the first step forward.

December 1991: The UN succeeds to some extent. The world does not witness another world war, but the damage has already been done. Chilly winds of cold war engulf the world, resulting in the collapse of the Soviet Union.

One step forward: After standing for half-a-century on the edge of a cliff, man chose to step back rather than take the plunge.

Two steps backward: The collapse divided the people.

September 8, 2014: A hundred years after the great war, the war has still not ended. It has simply fragmented from one long-drawn conflict into several battles. With the advancements in weaponry, a single strike can take the world back by a hundred years.

The world moves one step forward as for the first time, we have actually progressed as a species.

The world moves two steps backward as the war fragments to a point where no return may be possible.

So, how does one put an end to the vicious cycle? Start with yourself. Love your culture, community and country without being parochial or considering others inferior. They say, all it takes to change the course of history is the will of a single man. Be the change you wish to see, and world peace will be one less task to accomplish. 🇮🇳

‘Stop chalta-hai attitude’



Piyush Goyal with GT reporters Ritwik Kumar (L) and Amlaan Kumar

Issue: India is expected to experience an energy deficit of 5.1% this fiscal.

How are you planning to bridge that gap?

Actually, the deficit is much more. A lot of demand is not registered, so many people don't have power connections. But, at the same time, we have the fifth largest coal reserve in the world. If we look at renewable energy, we have huge amount of

sunshine, good winds, and constant stream-flow of the rivers flowing down the country. If we are able to harness all of them and create a robust infrastructure to move power from one part of the country to another, we can bridge the deficit.

Issue: The capital experienced massive power outages. There were widespread protests.

... says **Piyush Goyal**, MoS (independent charge) for power, coal and new and renewable energy. **Ritwik Kumar**, XII H & **Amlaan Kumar**, XI J, AIS Noida in a candid interview with the minister probe some pertinent issues

How did you cope with the stress, considering this was immediately after you took over as the union power minister?

Power falls into the concurrent subject that the State has to handle. The central government cannot interfere in the matters of the State. But, since Delhi did not have a government and the last government left their job halfway, I realised that the people were suffering. The local government was not able to cope with the sudden developments, particularly after the storm that damaged the transmission network severely. Due to the recent heat wave, there was an unprecedented surge in power demand. Both these factors led to a very grave power situation. We went through details of every aspect of the crisis and then the entire central government machinery was put into resolving the problem. People worked round the clock and all the work was completed in due time.

Issue: 65% of power generation in India is based on thermal sources. But coal reserves in India, as elsewhere in the world, are limited.

How do you intend to tackle this crisis?

We are revising all the targets to expand renewable energy in a much larger fashion so that it also helps

in increasing the energy security of the nation. Simultaneously, we are creating an ecosystem with fiscal incentives, with encouragement to the renewable sector so that our dependence on fossil fuel decreases. But having said that, we have huge amounts of coal reserves, so I don't really foresee a problem, at least in the near future. We should use this to ramp up our non-conventional sources of energy and possibly even develop new technologies.

Message for the youth

I think, if all the youngsters start becoming more responsible towards the society, they could bring about a change in India. Simple steps can make a big difference. For eg if every educated child educates one underprivileged child, the nation will have a high literacy rate in no time. More than half of the population is below the age of 35 and if most of them start working for the country, we can move mountains. We also have to stop the *chalta-hai* attitude. If we start demanding efficiency and quality, we can change the course of the entire nation. But for that we need to start demanding these things from ourselves first and only then we can change things. 🇮🇳

Get to know the minister better. Read page 6.

If you knew the amount of effort that goes into making GT, you would think twice before using it to make a paper plane. **Aastha Singh**, AIS Noida, XII I, Page Editor



Pics: Aastha Singh, AIS Noida, XII I

Graffiti: From vandalism to social messenger



When was the last time you stopped at a stop sign? Till a few years back, nobody had thought that a blue and white stop sign could send out a message. Stop. Pause. Freeze. Paint. We have a new messenger in town. A dash of creativity has transformed the ordinary stop sign into a social messenger. Aastha Singh, AIS Noida, XII I, reports about the art that has invaded our city.

Stop raping, stop corruption, scream the freshly painted signboards at the busy South Delhi crossing. It all started a year ago, when all the stop signs in Delhi were revamped. It was then that a Delhi-based graffiti artist decided to give these 'stop signs' or his art a different meaning. A lot of stop signs across the capital now read 'Stop Pollution', 'Stop Raping', 'Stop Vandalism' etc. Though, the name of this revolutionary artist lies buried in the secret files at the CIA headquarters, he is the one who started this trend. Till one year back, the residents of Delhi had almost no idea that an ordinary stop sign could be used to stir or shake someone's conscience, if combined with a dash of creativity. So, now every time they look at the stop



signs, they go back with a powerful social message. Primarily, just a tool of political activists who wanted to make their voices heard in the corridors of power to a commercially successful art, graffiti has come a long way indeed. Here is tracing its evolution.

Where it all began: In the winter of 1950's a silent fire simmered in Black homes. Before you could come to terms with what had happened, a revolution broke out. This new revolution was referred to as the hip-hop revolution by people of the 50's which spread fast to dominate music, fashion and art. The most significant and revolutionary expressions in the form of graffiti paved way for the streets to be splashed in colours across White settlements. The

movement gained popularity, to an extent that destruction of White property became a common trend. From the 50's to the 21st century, graffiti spread across nations and human minds.

Indian scenario: Some of the well known graffiti artists, who immersed Delhi in all shades and hues were Daku, Zine, Pyaz and Eclipse. Their street art was often associated with 'vandalism'. The trend spread fast across Delhi and painting expeditions flipped from expressions to challenges. "Paint is the ultimate form of expression. It takes art beyond closed rooms and drawing books. It caters to a global audience, irrespective of the fact whether that person is a cyclist or a Mercedes driver. We as artists know how to break

barriers of caste, class and economic status because our art is for everyone — even people who can't afford to see the Mona Lisa," says artist Daku.

Artists in Amity Noida: Amity Noida proudly boasts of three graffiti artists, pen named Silk, Misfit and Unique. "The walls of my city are stained. Graffiti is my contribution to our city. It's my way of preserving the streets," says Silk, a Delhi-based artist and a student of Class XII. Sharing similar views is artist Misfit, "People call graffiti — vandalism but I call it art because art is nothing but a medium of expression," says artist Misfit. From hip-hop revolution to hip-hop culture, graffiti has altered the very idea of art and rebellion.  

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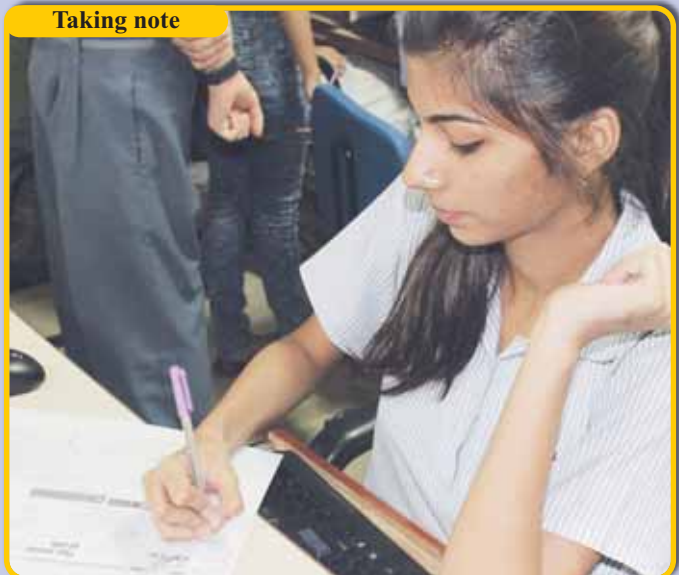
Editor-in-chief conducts an edit meet



One for the camera



Taking note



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Thank you GT for this memorable experience, I will treasure it forever.

Amlaan Kumar, AIS Noida, XI J, Page Editor

(K)not just photographs

“They capture love, joy, happiness, weddings and love stories that are indistinguishable from magic,” said famous wedding photographer Joseph Radhik. **Vishruti Saraf**, AIS Noida XII I, shows how a wedding photographer can weave magic between the bride and groom that transcends time and space.



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Career watch

With more couples looking for real, closer-to-life pictures, the demand for wedding photographers is on the rise. In case, you wish to take up this upcoming field of photography as a career, here are some things you must know.

The wedding planner

There is no better way to celebrate love and life than wedding photography. Meet the new age wedding photographer who will do more than simply click a

few pictures. With a well planned schedule inclusive of all moods from pre wedding snaps in different locations, to all the wedding rituals followed by a three hour film, virtual albums, website, posters and even posting to friends; the wedding photographer has a lot to offer.

The engagement ring

Wedding photography is quite like choosing the perfect engagement ring that fits best only in the ring finger. And so the challenge lies in capturing the

perfect moment that can enlighten, amuse, shock or amaze everyone who missed out on the moment. Just like the perfect cuts of a diamond ring, wedding photography if presented beautifully and creatively, brings alive the festive mood and subtle romance.

The bachelor party

Considering that the wedding season is limited to a few months, this is the best part time profession for people who want to pursue other interests to enjoy the

‘bachelor party’ the rest of the year. With emoluments ranging anywhere between Rs 50,000 to Rs 2 lakh in flat three days, the deal is surely lucrative. Besides, one also gets to travel to different places, choicest wedding locales and eat lavish spread of different states and countries.

The honeymoon

To be able to establish oneself as a wedding photographer is not an instant honeymoon. Behind that label lies a lot of training and expertise, since there is

no special school for the same. Though, a degree in photography may prove beneficial, what people look out for is creativity and technical abilities along with the social skills to slip with ease into any group while capturing the mood and special moments. Working as an assistant or intern with an acclaimed photographer can boost your skills. Having your own portfolio and website to showcase your work, certainly fetches more clients. So, would you marry this career? 🇧🇩

Expert Sadvice

When bombarded with career advice from all corners, put aside every thought and simply listen to your heart!

Mehak Bawa, AIS Noida, XI H

When we're on the crossroads of career, everyone has a piece of advice for us. Here's repeating the familiar sounds from some familiar and some not-so-familiar people and also a piece of advice to see you through these tough times...

The un-related relatives: The *aunty ji* we have not seen in years will pop up suddenly to say, “My Dolly toh used to get up at 4 am in the morning to study. Now, she is studying in London. You must study early morning.”

Our advice: Ignore. There is no universal formula for studying. Something that worked for someone else may or may not work for you. Set your own routine.

Parents: “Take up science, the starting packages are high, or even commerce.” “Chartered accountancy is an emerging field, and so is humanities.”

Our advice: What intrigues you more? Whatever it is, take it up!

Teachers: “Get rid of Facebook if you want to score good marks.”

Our advice: Be smart. Delete the app, which means you will only log in once in a while from your PC.

Friends: “We'll go to the same college, and study the same course.”

Our advice: Do what you want to do, you can always make new friends while staying in touch with the old ones.

In the end, remember that no one understands you better than yourself. 🇧🇩

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Zoma-to success

Sometimes the most common day-to-day ideas can be the most significant ones. Sometimes one just needs to stand out

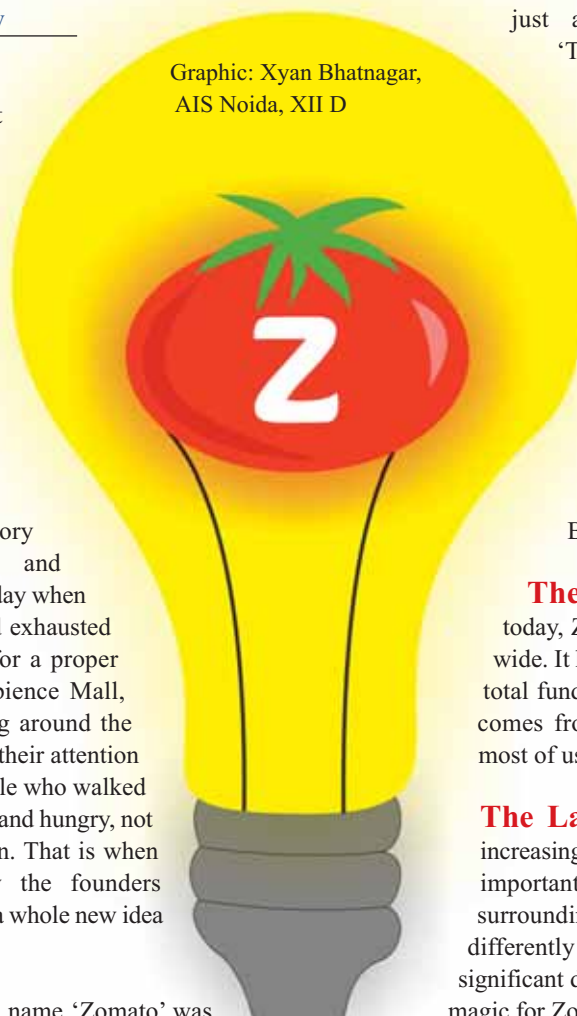
Anubhav Chakravorty
AIS Noida, XII J

When the app market and the whole concept of apps was rather fresh, the need for a solution to a major modern day crisis was confronted. Most people found it difficult to find the right place to eat and ended up wasting a lot of time and energy doing it. That was how Zomato was born.

The Foundation: The story of Deepinder Goyal and Pankaj Chaddah begins on the day when the two of them, famished and exhausted from all the hunting around for a proper place to eat, stopped by Ambience Mall, Gurgaon for lunch. Wandering around the 867,000 sq. feet, they diverted their attention to all the other wandering people who walked those glossy floors equally lost and hungry, not just for food, but for a solution. That is when the two gentlemen, already the founders of FoodBay.com came up with a whole new idea for business.

What's in a name!: The name ‘Zomato’ was

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just another word that rhymed with ‘Tomato’, not too ostentatious; but plain and simple!

The Execution: Zomato, the app that we all know for finding us menus on the go, was born after this very revelation. Menus of all restaurants were uploaded on a web database, and a portal. All the questions that one could possibly have about a restaurant's specifics, were now just a tap away. The app was later made available for Google Play, Apple, Blackberry and Windows App stores.

The Reception: As of today, Zomato has 62.5 million users worldwide. It has also gone global, and has gained a total funding of \$53.5 million; most of which comes from the website property, something most of us hardly even know about.

The Law of Success: To meet today's increasing demands and yield good results, it is important to ‘work smart’. If we analyse our surroundings properly, we will look at things differently and work our way around trivial yet significant day-to-day issues. That's what worked magic for Zomato and many others! 🇧🇩

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À la Google

Let the techie in you come to life with these sumptuous and mouth-watering apps on display at your very own À La Google restaurant, presented to you by Xyan Bhatnagar, AIS Noida, XII D

Tasker

About the app: An app which performs tasks (sets of actions) based on contexts (application, time, date, location, event, gesture) in user-defined profiles.
Features: Take photo with button press during preview; open map-walking navigation; bluetooth near; 4G control; camera management

MusiXmatch

About the app: Enjoy your music with lyrics, in perfect sync with the music! Works as a scrobber for almost every other music and radio player.
Features: Super-fast MusicID for unlimited recognition from TV and radio. A searchable database of more than 7.5 million song lyrics in 38 languages.

Unified Remote

About the app: Simply the most feature-filled computer remote. Turns your device into a WiFi or bluetooth universal remote control for Windows PC, Mac and Linux. Control your favourite programmes with mouse and keyboard.
Features: More than forty remotes; widgets and quick actions; and voice commands.

Themer

About the app: Makes personalisation on homescreen easy. Free themes that include HD wallpapers, neat icon packs and amazing widgets to suit any mood.
Features: Boasts of an extensive library of free, premium themes. Over 400 premium themes available with categories like: Card UI, nature, space, minimal, etc.

Google Classroom

About the app: Available to anyone with Google Apps for Education. Helps teachers create and collect assignments paperlessly.
Features: Includes time-saving features like ability to automatically make a copy of a Google doc for each student. Students can keep track of what's due on the assignments page and begin working with just a click.

Google Search

About the app: The Google Search app is for Android users. It is the fastest, easiest way to find what you need on the web and on your device.
Features: Quickly search the web and your phone or tablet. Use your voice to search and more. Get personalised results based on your location.

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Sports

Howzzat!



Enter-game-ment!

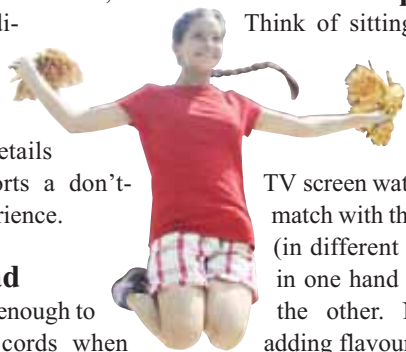
Lights, camera, more than action! There is much more that meets the eye in sports. What do you think sports can't do without?

Akshita Tewari, AIS Noida, XI C

Can you imagine FIFA without Shakira's anthem? Have you ever thought how bland those IPL matches will be without those grooving cheerleaders? Yes, we agree that the game itself is enough to give one that adrenaline rush. But that said, there are a lot many ingredients that add the perfect 'chutpah' to any sport. Time to pay attention to the tiny details that make many sports a don't-leave-your-chair experience.

Cheer n lead

You may scream wild enough to damage your vocal cords when



your favourite player strikes a goal. But you still can't match the way the cheerleaders up the energy quotient the minute they start grooving to a goal. The spins and twirls of the enthusiastic ladies with the multi-coloured pom-poms sure does glam up the game.

'Pop' it up

Think of sitting through an entire match with your jaw fixed. Sounds drab? Cut to you sitting in front of your TV screen watching your favourite match with that steaming popcorn (in different flavours, of course) in one hand and chilled Coke in the other. Now, that's called adding flavour.

Autograph? What's that?

You go for that exciting match and manage to get an autograph of your favourite star too! Stars smiling anyone? Face it, those autographs are the 'cherry on the cake' for any sports enthusiast. And if you believe in doing things a little *hatke*, then ditch the usual pen and paper. Bring a bucket of paint and request your favourite player to scribble his autograph over you. Don't forget to take a selfie of course!

The crazy fan

Jersey of the favourite player. Check. Colourful wig. Check. Crazy sunglasses. Check. Paint splashed all over the face. Check. Thank you Mr Fan, if it weren't for you, the venue would be a tad less 'visually-appealing'. 🇮🇳

Mishaps, ouch!

Injuries are a part of sports, but have you heard of bizarre ways of getting injured?

Amlaan Kumar, AIS Noida, XI J

Sports and injuries have been relative to each other for a very long time. Be it football, cricket, basketball, you can never be too careful in the world of sports. Injuries happen all the time and should be considered quite seriously, but some injuries are so bizarre and unusual, one can't resist having a chuckle or two. Here are some very bizarre sports mishaps.

Matthew Hayden: Cricket

His training session was cut short after a dog decided to give him a surprise visit and bit his ankle; and this was just a day before the crucial Ashes Test.

teen years later, he admitted that it wasn't tasty and wished that he had put some hot sauce before biting.

Luis Suarez: Soccer

Audience eagerly waiting for the match between Italy vs Uruguay was not disappointed, when they saw Luis Suarez following in the footsteps of Mike Tyson and biting Giorgio Chiellini in the shoulder during the recent World Cup. At least Suarez has a penchant for biting as it was the third time he was caught biting someone. 🇧🇪

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Bill Gramaticc: Rugby

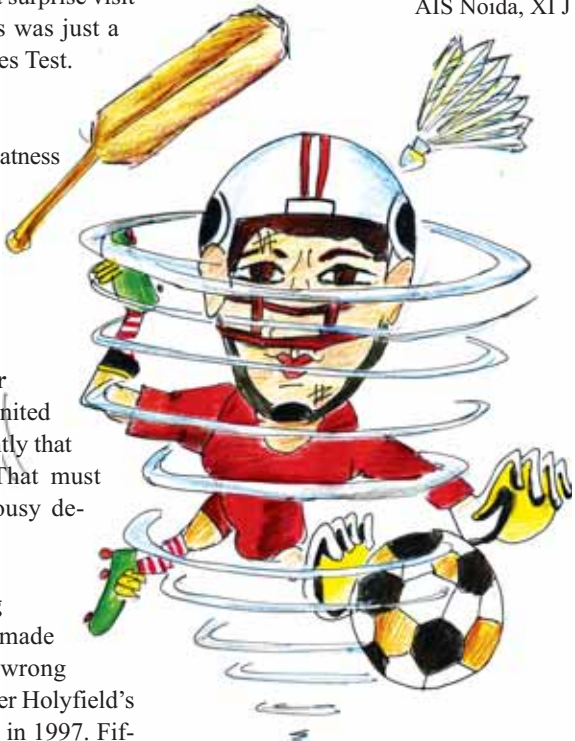
His chance for supreme greatness was achieved rather heroically when he tore his ligament while jumping in joy after scoring a field goal.

Alex Stepney: Soccer

This former Manchester United defender shouted so violently that he broke his own jaw. That must have been some pretty lousy defending.

Mike Tyson: Boxing

This boxing legend once made the headlines for all the wrong reasons when he bit Evander Holyfield's ear during a boxing match in 1997. Fif-





Working with GT has truly been an eye-opener. I will never forget this experience.
Malvika Varma, AIS Noida, XII F, Page Editor

A look into your personali-tee

What does your T-shirt say about your personality? Check out this article to decode the T-shirt language

Mythili Mishra, AIS Noida, XII I

We have all spent many hours skimming through lifestyle magazines which tell us what our hair says about our personality. Today, we bring you the official guide to T-Shirt interpretation!

Basic monochrome T-shirt: You like to keep it simple. Also, you're boring and probably read dictionaries for fun. You might also consider it a moral obligation to study vigorously for Open Book Tests.

'Designer' T-shirt: Congratulations on buying a T-shirt worth Rs 1,200 that actually costs not more than Rs 300. That being said, you are someone who greatly appreciates the little things in

life, such as that minuscule brand logo you paid so much for.

Superhero T-shirt: You're a proud fan of the said superhero and wore your mom's *dupatta* as cape in your childhood (maybe still do). Alternatively, you might be someone who saw the movie once, but you still consider yourself a die-hard fan.

T-shirt with an intellectual quote: Admit it, this T-shirt was on a 'buy two get one free' offer and you just grabbed it like the last piece of cake at a birthday party. You could always wear it with *pyjamas*, right?

T-shirt with a pun on it: It took you fifteen minutes to understand this joke, but it was worth it since this T-shirt is too



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AIS Noida, XII D

hilarious for you to not buy. You're the punny (get it?) kid in your friend circle.

Fandom T-shirt: You spent three hours finding this T-shirt on the internet and another two on counting your pennies to pay for it. Once you wear it, you can attract people from the same fandom, as

no one else understands the reference. This one's an instant friend identifier!

Collared T-shirt with vertical stripes: Your mom made you wear that, didn't she? It's okay, we've all been there, done that.

Sports jersey: You love sports (duh!) and perhaps even the eight litres of sweat that T-shirt holds.

T-shirts in neon colours: You like to

stand out from the crowd and brighten other people's day (literally). You also follow fashion trends as religiously as you follow celebs on Twitter.

Warning: Tee-based characteristics are subject to personality differences. 🇮🇳

Introspect yourself

If the pH scale was a measure of your personality, what would you be? Acid, base, or neutral? Find out your pH here

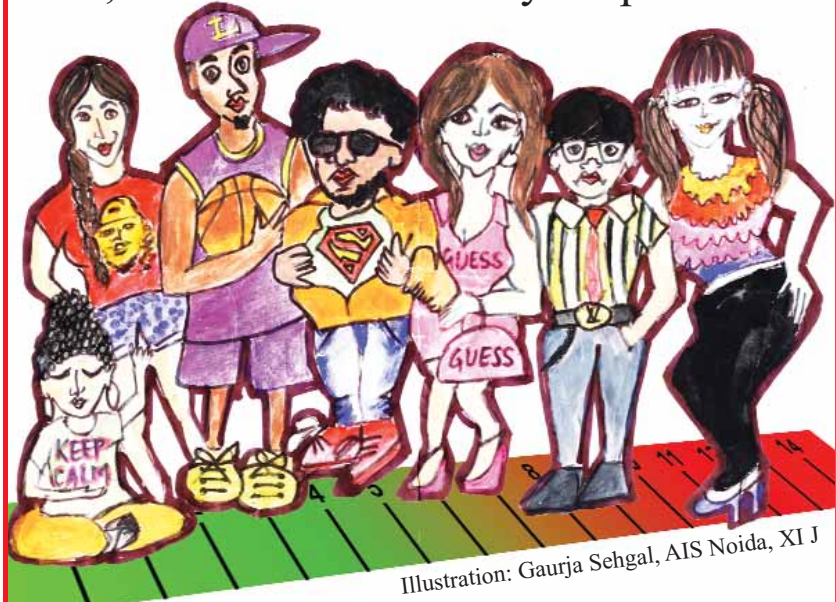


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Malvika Varma, AIS Noida, XII F

Are you as sour as an acid, bitter as a base, or totally neutral? Take some time to introspect, and find out your pH level!

The acid: Always uptight, sensitive and ready to burst into a rage? Are you highly competitive? With a pH level of less than 7, acids are highly reactive and sour in taste. If you're an acid, chances are you don't get along with people who have the same personality as you, but that's okay, you're a leader in your every endeavour.

The neutral: Are you the social glue of your group? Do you often find yourself stuck in the middle of a fight

between friends? Do you do as you're told? You have a pH value of 7. You're a neutral. Neutrals are non-reactive, and don't possess the qualities of acids or bases. If you're a neutral, good for you! Everyone likes neutrals.

The base: If you're the person who's always there to console a friend in need, and wipe away his or her tears away, you're a base. With a pH level of greater than 7, bases possess the properties required in cleaning agents. Bases love to look after their friends and family but beware, they can sometimes be bitter!

Whether you're an acid, a base or a neutral, the world needs you. Where's the fun if there's no variety? 🇮🇳

Blast from the past

So GenY is more modern, you say? Think again, for the rays of the past continue to illuminate the days of the world we live in now. It is impossible not to feel the heat of the blast from the past

Akshita Tewari, AIS Noida, XI C

History repeats itself, goes the adage. Here's a look into how old is gold and how things of the past keep reappearing in the present times...

Book-o-mania: 'The Immortals of Meluha' ('The Shiva Trilogy') – has us overwhelmed for sure. Taking us through a portal back to eons ago, it brings forth its own version of the story of Lord Shiva. 'Sita: An Illustrated Retelling of Ramayana' by Devdutt Pattanaik is also one such book that gives a contemporary twist to the mythical tale from the perspective of Sita.

Entertainment, entertainment, entertainment!: Really like that particular show or movie? Who knows, it might hold its foundations based on a theme from the past. Shows like 'Zindagi Gulzar Hai' and the new pictorially depicted 'Mahabharata' are based on the phenomenal epics 'Pride and Prejudice' and 'Mahabharata' itself, respectively. And our favourite 'Sherlock' –

the 21st century adaptation of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes series also makes to this list. (Although the modern one gets brownie points for Mr Benedict Cumberbatch). Films aren't behind either. Movies like 'Ram-Leela' were a blockbuster for being a modern 'Romeo and Juliet' tale.

Why is this melody so chocolaty?

Classy tunes, old or new will always be 'in'! Age-old classics such as 'Main Hoon Don', 'Khoya Khoya Chaand' and 'Disco Deewane' were remixed and the youth still grooves to them. Revisited old tunes like 'Samjhaavan' have also topped the charts. The flair of what was before will always boomerang into the present. Whether aware or not, all souls are dyed with the colour of the period bygone...

Now, here we reveal to you the recipe of making a superhit out of an old, old melody:

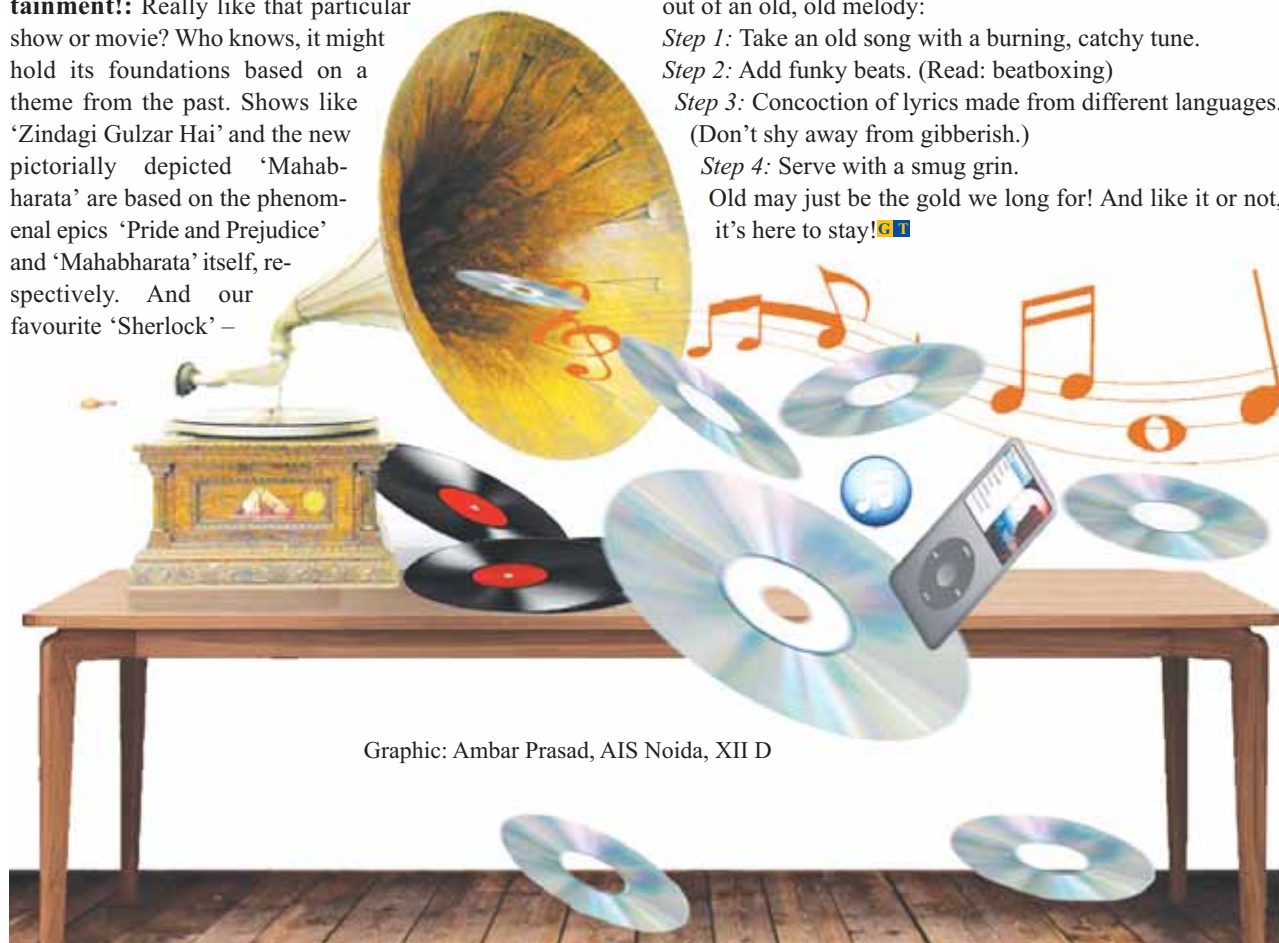
Step 1: Take an old song with a burning, catchy tune.

Step 2: Add funky beats. (Read: beatboxing)

Step 3: Concoction of lyrics made from different languages. (Don't shy away from gibberish.)

Step 4: Serve with a smug grin.

Old may just be the gold we long for! And like it or not, it's here to stay! 🇮🇳





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Nurturing talent



Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson



That time of the year is back again when Amitians showcase their limitless potential by enthusiastically participating in The Global Times Making a Newspaper Contest. The contest now in its 6th year gives students an opportunity to harness their creative potential while at the same time presenting their world view. During the five years of this contest, I have seen my Amitians growing by leaps and bounds. The kind of stories, photographs, illustrations, graphics etc they present in their contest edition clearly reflect their sensitivity towards social issues, awareness about the new discoveries in the world, interest in the happenings across the globe and much more. Every child is gifted with some talent. The onus of discovering and polishing this talent rests with us - the educators. It is with this aim of nurturing the talent in every child that Amity provides numerous programmes that enable a child to harness his/her potential to the fullest. The Global Times is one such endeavour in this direction. Through GT, Amitians are not only learning to 'think' but to 'think in the right direction' in order to contribute to the society and the world. It is a platform which gives wings to their creativity and provides food for thought. I extend my good wishes to all my Amitians and hope that they will give their best in their contest editions, without worrying about the prize and recognition. Always remember that it is sincere efforts, right intentions and the never-give-up spirit which matter at the end of the day, not just trophies and prizes. I am confident that the teacher coordinators will not leave any stone unturned in supporting students and help them give their very best. I am eagerly looking forward to all the contest editions!  

Harbingers of peace

The knowledge of words is the gate of scholarship.
Milton



Renu Singh
Principal

We, at Amity deem this philosophy pertinent in order to attain and sustain the highest standards of excellence. Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe and Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan assert that power of expression is unfathomable, which ushers awareness, brings a positive change around and enables the youth to tread the path of humanity. Amitians, in particular, have proved time and again through their write ups that they no longer wish to see the world bleeding with evil, prejudices and sulk under the lurking fear of war. Their expression and awareness speaks volumes about the holistic and profound education they gain from Amity Schools, which has sensitised them towards social issues. This is so imperative for the wings of a nation to unfurl and kindle the fire of selfless devotion. I feel that one word starts a prayer, one hope raises our spirits and voice of the youth can make a difference. I exhort the young learners to give themselves positive strokes and imbibe Amity philosophy which proclaims the belief 'Vidya Dadati Vinayam' so that the new generation of nation builders learn to rise above their individual needs and serve mankind.  

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Coup d'état: Redefined

There are a few people who, unknowingly and unexpectedly, in some unforeseen moments, change the way you think. Forever!

Anubhav Chakravorty, AIS Noida, XII J

“These books would be helpful. They discuss the foundation of the government at length.”

“I don't really care about the foundation. Can you just help me clear my examination?”

“But, how can you be disinterested? You stay in this country, you should know at least some of its great history and all that is happening in the nation. You're like any other youth of today, all you want to do is study to get a good job, and then settle abroad. Is that all there is to life?”

“Perhaps not but I'm not going to respect this country because it's 'my country', the same way I'm not going to love cricket because it's famous here, there are always many more reasons for my undying love for it. Yes, I look for reasons to love my country and I will continue to do so. It's justified for me to be selfish.”

“All I'm asking from you is to look at this issue with a little more seriousness, if not for yourself; than for the nation.”

“Tell me why YOU love this country so much?”

“For the same reason that you love your favourite

Working as a Page Editor for the GT made me realise my priorities in life. Now I am more inclined towards working for a better future.

Shubham Jain, AIS Noida, XI G, Page Editor



Contest Edition

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sport, not just because it's a well known sport, but because 'there are many more reasons involved'. I'm sure if I asked, you wouldn't be able to describe the kind of passion and loyalty, that I feel for my country. There's that invisible something that attaches me to it. All I can do is perceive.”

“But not everyone feels that way, right?”

“That's exactly what I'm trying to tell you, we are obscuring ourselves from what we want this nation to be in our own way. The youth should be given a chance to join politics, so that people get a voice significant enough to grab everyone's attention and influence them the right way.

When someone in the society stands up for the right things, he's suppressed and ridiculed. The optimist in me tells me that when those same people that no one believed in stand up and strive to make a change,

everyone including those who did not believe in them once prefer to articulate their support. Everyone, has a change of heart, all of a sudden.” I then realised that since I didn't like being 'blindly loyal' I shouldn't be blindly loyal to the argument anymore, I was fighting a lost battle. This was when I was convinced of the abilities of the youth. Everyone will try to influence you in a manner you may not like, but not once shall they tell you what the generation is capable of. This conversation that I had with my roommate completely changed the way I used to think about my role in my country's future. You're part of something much bigger than what 'society' tells you, you are in charge of the country's future; you are already the change you want to see. Now the big question is, do you 'want' to be the agent of change?”  



The Man of Power: Power Minister Piyush Goyal with GT reporters Ritwik Kumar and Amlaan Kumar

Know thy minister

Piyush Goyal, MoS, gets candid about his role in Modi's govt and how social media plays a vital role in elections

Ritwik Kumar, XII H & Amlaan Kumar, XI J, AIS Noida

Continued from page 1...

He headed the BJP's Communication & Information Technology Cell and oversaw the party's publicity & advertising campaign including the social media outreach. The results were there for all of us to see as 'Ab ki baar, Modi sarkar' became a household slogan. Piyush Goyal, MoS (independent charge) for power, coal and new & renewable energy, Government of India, talks about the role of social media, his political innings and more...

As you headed the social media campaigning in these elections, how important a role do you think this medium plays in today's elections?

The advantage of social media is

manifold. Since social media actively involves people in the decision making process, one can crowdsource wonderful ideas from these sites. Secondly, social media is also a great platform to raise awareness on various issues. Thirdly, it can help maintain a level of transparency within the government as everything under discussion is for everyone to see. Further on, since social media enjoys a wide coverage, it can help the government reach out to a larger audience and that too within a short timespan.

At the age of 50, you are one of the youngest ministers in the Narendra Modi government. Is your age a handicap or an advantage?



I think it is a huge advantage. I don't think I would have liked to be very old before I became a minister and not be able to do as much work as I am able to do now. Also, I think that the youth

bring a lot of energy and innovation.

Considering that power shortage in India is an important concern, you have been given one of the most challenging jobs. How do you plan to cope up with the challenge?

I love challenges and I am quite confident that with the kind of enthusiasm I see within the government and the leadership that Prime Minister Narendra Modi provides, I will be able to deal with it.

You are a chartered accountant by profession. What made you make the switch to politics?

I have not shifted to politics. It has been my passion since childhood. In fact, I was introduced to politics very early in life and I even liked it. I realised that one has to engage in politics if one wants to make significant impact on society. It was a conscious decision to serve the country.  

The young alchemists





Priti Khullar
GT Coordinator

A spoonful of discussions, one mug of creativity, 16 mg of imagination and a pinch of colour. With all our ingredients placed perfectly in place,

coupled with the spirit of Amity, we set out to cook another edition of GT. While achieving this, stringent deadlines were met and Amitians, the young alchemists turned the raw emotions into profound thoughts. The edition is infused with dimension, substance and presence as it abounds in time relevant articles, first ever ground reporting on graffiti art, science and sports based articles, etc. The brainstorming and research sessions were a sight to behold and an experience to be cherished. Effortlessly perceptible is the theme of Amity as here we blend modernity with tradition. Together the students have created a symphony which calls for a lot of courage and ingenuity. The output justified the title- 'The Global Times' as it has encompassed perspectives on global happenings. Happy reading!!



Dear Editor,

I could relate with the cover story 'United by the H-factor' completely! It was realistically patriotic and an optimistic approach to the national language.  

Anubhav Chakravorty
AIS Noida, XII J



Illustration (Headline): Abhaa Tandon, AIS Noida, XII

HEAD ON ON HEAD

When it is about sports, taking it 'head-on' is what you ought to do. But as they say safety first; and for that it is imperative that you have the right thing 'on head'. You got that right...headgears! **Sadhya Luthra**, AIS Noida, XII H, brings to you a collection of headgears from various sports.

SPORTS HEADGEARS

Baseball



Boxing



Cricket



Cycling



Rugby

Motor
Racing

Hockey

Motor
Biking

Skating



Skydiving



Soccer



Swimming



Tennis



Wrestling



Volleyball


Scuba
Diving

Illustration: Arshiya Singh, AIS Noida, XI J



Ravisha Nautiyal, AIS Noida, IX A

knocked down my bowl of cereal. It took me some time to prod around the table to find my bowl.

“Violet, I’m off to work. The jug’s right next to you and call me if you need anything. Okay?” My mother said before leaving for work. I grabbed my bag and felt the spokes of my keys to identify which key goes with which lock, and finally left for my art class. Among all the pushing and shoving, I hopped out of the auto and headed for the Class. It was then that I heard a loud cry. Taken aback, I let out a shrill shriek and followed the noise. I could hear the crowd murmuring and it seemed that an accident had taken place. By this time the cries had become more audible. As I got nearer, it was clear that a puppy had been knocked off by a speeding car. As I bent down to lift the little creature in my arms I could smell blood. “What are you all waiting for?” I shouted at the crowd in agony. “Why are you all standing like mute spectators?” I took the puppy in my arms as it whimpered and hopped on to the auto. Whizzing past everyone as I made my way into the hospital a veterinarian immediately came to my help and said, “Had he not come here on time, he’d have not survived.” Thanking the doctor, I walked out with my puppy happily. You don’t have to search for courage outside, it lies buried in your heart. Each one in the crowd was blessed with a pair of eyes, yet it was my eyes without vision that could see the plight of the puppy. I’ve always wanted the world to be a better place to live in, a temple of love and friendship. So let’s together make this world a kinder, softer and happier place to live in. Let’s not choose to remain shrouded in dark. 



Anushka Pandey, AIS Noida, XII E

Self raising flour	1cup
Baking powder	½ tsp
Butter.....	170 gm
Eggs.....	3
Milk	1/3 cup
Vanilla essence.....	1 tsp
Sugar	170 gm

- Sieve the flour. Keep aside.
- Take out the butter from refrigerator 1 hour in advance.
- Cream the butter and sugar very well.

- When the mixture is light and creamy, add eggs one by one. Beat it thoroughly.
- Finally, fold in the flour and add milk, until the batter has a dropping consistency.
- Add the vanilla essence and mix well. Keep it aside.
- Grease and dust a baking dish.
- Pour the batter into the prepared baking dish.
- Preheat the oven at 200 degrees celsius.
- Now it's time to bake for around 40-45 minutes.
- Voila! Your yummy cake is ready to be served.

Shereen Arshad, AIS Noida, IX I

- ⊗ Each colour in this puzzle represents a letter
- ⊗ Crack the letter of each colour
- ⊗ The 1st part is the answer to the following question:
The _____ rate of Kerala is 93.91%

[illegible]

POEMS

The seeds of life

Aditi Singh, AIS Noida, X H

The seeds of life,
yet again dwell in the divine soil,
time slips by, just like grains of sand.

And the scion becomes
a colossal verdure,
and then comes spring
and the beauteous buds
that it endures.
Muffled inside the soft,
relaxing and sweet
smelling petals,
I'm safe!
But it's time to brace
myself and come
out with grace,
I spare the outside

world a sneak-peek,
bravely, I glance,
the sky is an alluring alabaster,
and children playing bezique with the
Mad Hatter.

But what I see next takes my breath away,
my heart is in my mouth as I watch and lay,
folks walking recklessly on the soil in
which my siblings reside,
girls plucking flowers to embellish
a waist so wide.
Seeing this, a feeling of dubiety
hits my soul,
whether I should face the brute world
with a goal?
But, I must dare to venture on this journey,
as to keep on progressing is nature's
tourney. **GT**

Illustration: Arshiya Singh
AIS Noida, XI J



The sapling's lament

Sara Baijnath, AIS Noida, X J

Gaurja Sehgal
AIS Noida, XI J



Sakti Subramaniam
AIS Noida, VIII D

What does somebody take before you get it?
Your photograph/ picture.

*What grows when it eats, but dies
when it drinks?*
Fire.

In a one-storey pink house, there was a pink person, a pink cat, a pink computer, a pink chair, a pink table, a pink telephone— everything was pink! What color were the stairs?

There weren't any stairs, it was a one storey house!

What days are strong?
Saturday and Sunday. All others are
we(a)k days.

What did the beach say when the tide came in?
Long time no sea!

What has two arms, two legs, always wears a black coat and follows you?
Your shadow.

*What breaks but does not fall and
what falls but does not break?*
Daybreak and nightfall.

Why does the letter 'a' look like a flower?
Because a b(ee) always comes after it.

Which is the biggest room in the world?
The room for improvement.

Which shark can build your house?
The Hammerhead shark.

What do you call Einstein eating dinner?
Dine-stein.

What comes down and yet never goes up?
Rain

I had a dream,
very farfetched it would seem.
I wanted to grow tall big and
proliferous,
how grand I would look,
I was curious.
I fantasised of growing luxuriantly,
I thought, "Oh, what a great day that
would be!"
The day I would be tall,
the day I would cover it all.
The day I would be proliferous,
fruits I would bear nutritious.
The day I would be lush,
I was in a rush.
But, now that I have reached the day
much awaited,
it all seems a bit overrated.
My dream has been fulfilled,
but in my heart emotions have built.
All the fantasies were too good
to be true,
I stood, thinking, as the wind blew.
I wish to go back to being me,
the way I was before - a sapling,
not a tree.
I guess that's the thing about desire,
what we are not, we admire.
I wish to go back to being me,
the way I was before,
hoping to be a tree. 🌳 🌲



A thrilling experience of twists and turns, I felt like I was the main character of a mystery novel! I was the detective who had to get the job done.

Arushi Gupta, AIS Noida, VIII F, Page Editor

The tale of a doctor



Wisdom tale

Siona Ahuja
AIS Noida, VII H

Once there was a doctor, who was late for an important surgery. As he was rushing down the hallway to the operation theatre, he saw the patient's father. The father looked extremely angry and impatient. He was trembling with rage and nervousness. He bellowed as soon as the doctor came to him, "You heartless person! Why are you late for the surgery? My son could have died if you came a little later. Do you know how serious he is?" Even after hearing such bitter words, the doctor

Illustration: Sadhya Luthra, AIS Noida, XII H

remained serene and calm. He simply said, "I will try my best to save your son's life. The rest is up to God." He walked past the hysterical father who was still consumed by anger and kept groaning and complaining. The doctor went inside the operation theatre, while the father waited anxiously. After about three hours, the doctor came out, removed his gloves and washed his hands. He then quickly ran to the nurse, whispered something in her ears and then came back to the father. He said, "Your son is out of danger now. For any other queries, please talk to the nurse. Thank you." He took off his coat,

The father was stunned to hear this piece of information. His heart was filled with guilt and remorse.

and hurriedly went out. The father thought the doctor must be quite insane. He walked down the corridor where he found the nurse writing something on the clipboard. He asked her, "Why was the doctor in such a hurry? He performed a surgery on my son and walked away without even giving me the details. What kind of a man is he?" He kept on mumbling till he saw the nurse's eyes well with tears. He asked her what the matter was. She replied, "The doctor's son was about the same age as your son. He was hit by a car and he died yesterday. Today was his funeral. When your call came, he was probably performing the last rites. He performed the surgery and is going back to complete the rituals." The father was stunned to hear this piece of information. His heart was filled with guilt and remorse. He asked the nurse to apologise on his behalf to the doctor, and then went away with tears in his eyes.

So, what did you learn today?
Don't judge anyone in haste, think twice before forming an opinion.



Sanginee Gupta

Chocolate brownie

Sanginee Gupta
AIS Noida, VII F

Ingredients for baking

Butter.....1/2 cup
White sugar1 cup
Eggs.....2
Vanilla essence.....1 tsp
Cocoa powder1/3 cup
All-purpose flour 1/2 cup
Salt1/4 tsp
Baking powder 1/4 tsp

Ingredients for frosting

Butter3 tbsp
Cocoa powder3 tbsp
Icing sugar1 cup
Vanilla essence.....1 tsp

Method

- Preheat the oven to 180 degrees Celsius.
- Grease a square baking dish with butter and sprinkle some flour on it.
- In a saucepan, melt the butter. Remove it from the flame and add sugar, eggs, vanilla essence and stir.
- Now add cocoa powder, flour, salt, baking powder and beat until smooth.
- Pour the batter into the greased pan and bake it for 25-30 minutes.

For frosting

- Mix all the frosting ingredients and frost the warm brownies.
- Serve your delicious brownies.

It's Me



My name: Rudransh Gautam
My school: AIS Noida
My Class: KG G
My birthday: August 25, 2009
I like: Making friends
I dislike: When someone hits me
My hobby: Playing with puppets
My role model: Narendra Modi
My strength: Confidence in myself
My best friend: Ishaan Gupta
My favourite game: Subway Surfers
My favourite teacher: Ms Deepti
My favourite food: Pizza
My favourite mall: Cross River Mall
I want to feature in GT because: I want my friends to praise me.

POEMS

Illustration: Daksh Sahu, AIS Noida, I J



Nikhaar Chandra
AIS Noida, V M

God has created one earth on which we live together, and share our place in the world. What a lovely way to teach us how to share, as humans, birds & animals share the planet with love and care. Then why can't we share small little things? Why do we have to fight with each other for

trivial things? My toy, my room, my book, my dress, my land, my country, my people, my religion, have created a world full of hatred and stress! Let us live with kindness and peace, and share everything with love and ease, just as we share the sun, the rivers, air and trees. Always remember to share, in return, you will get love and care.

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My dreams

Aman Sanwal
AIS Noida, V F

I dream of the bright moon and the stars, of sunny days and cosy winter nights, of beautiful valleys and colourful flowers, of rivers and light showers.

When I happily wake up early in the morning,

I go to school and my father goes for earning, mom is busy all day long, loving, caring and making us strong.

One day, when I grow up, I will have a lot of courage and power, a determined mind and a clear goal, and I will achieve it with all my heart and soul.

Jokey Pokey

Lakshit Gupta
AIS Noida, III L

Bus conductor: Why are you taking two tickets?

Passenger: Because if I lose one, the second ticket will save me.

Conductor: What if you lose both?

Passenger: Listen, I am not a fool. I already have my pass with me!

Raju: Mom, why is your hair turning grey?

Mother: It is because of you dear, every bad action of yours turns my hair grey.

Raju: Oh! Now I know why grandmother only has grey hair.

Teacher: Rakshit, can you name an animal whose name begins with the letter 'E'?

Rakshit: Elephant

Teacher: Name an animal whose name begins with 'T'

Rakshit: Two elephants

CAMERA CAPERS

Sara Maheshwari, AIS Noida, IV D

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In the end, only kindness matters . . .



Giving life a meaning!



Amitasha- my inspiration



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The ability to write is the greatest gift. It gives us an insight into what we see, yet don't view; what we hear, yet don't listen, and what we touch, yet don't feel. This is what GT has taught me.

Ritwik Kumar, AIS Noida, XII, Page Editor

Enriching exchange with University of Michigan

A fruitful sharing of ideas and experiences helped Amitians and their University of Michigan counterparts bond at many levels



Cross cultural ties are forged as Amitians play host to guests from the University of Michigan

AERC

What: Langar Project

Where: AIS Noida

When: July 3, 2014; 10 am-2pm

Who: Approximately 200 Students from Amity University, Amitasha and AIS Noida participated as audience

AIS Noida got the golden opportunity to play host to a delegation from the University of Michigan, comprising Jasprit Singh, professor at University of Michigan College of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and 13 students, on July

3, 2014. The delegation was returning after a month's stay at Amritsar, learning about sustainable nourishment by participating and studying the preparation of *langar* at the renowned Golden Temple. The interaction was conducted under the aegis of Amity Educational Resource Center.

Upon arrival at AIS Noida, the guests were welcomed in the traditional Amity way with garlands, *tilak* and lamp lighting ceremony, followed by an address by the school principal Renu Singh. Professor Jasprit Singh presented a talk entitled 'Desires for the transforming world – facing the sustainability challenge'.

The students from the University of Michigan shared their experiences and takeaways from the time spent at the Golden Temple. During the course of the interaction, valuable anecdotes were exchanged, songs were sung and jokes were shared. The guests were felicitated with mementos. Professor Singh and his team also interacted with students from Amitasha. Professor Singh said, "I am personally moved by the dedication of Amity students. With such young people there is no doubt India is in great hands and your faculty's role in such a noble mission is inspiring. It was indeed an enlightening experience for everyone."



Renu Singh (L) graciously receives the award

National award glory

Renu Singh, principal, AIS Noida, honoured with the Rajiv Gandhi Achievement Award

AIS Noida

Keeping the Amity pennon flying high, Renu Singh, principal, AIS Noida, was conferred the Rajiv Gandhi Achievement Award 2014 on the occasion of Ekta Diwas, on August 20, at India Islamic Cultural Centre in the Capital. She was awarded the prestigious award by Syed Sibtey Razi, ex-governor of Jharkhand, who felicitated the achievers from diverse fields as education, culture, industries, movies, creativity, etc. The event was marked by the presence of many prominent personalities including Dr Mohammad Riyaz, national president, AICSO. To commemorate the life and visionary approach of late Rajiv Gandhi, these awards are given every year to acknowledge the contribution of people from varied

areas, towards the Indian society.

Among all the awardees, Renu Singh was the only principal to be felicitated, in recognition of her valuable contribution in the field of 'Education for Amity International School'. With a teaching career spanning more than 30 years, she has done distinguished work in the field of education and contributed to social and environmental development. Amity institutions are always committed to social causes — be it conducting various programmes for the welfare of under privileged girls and boys in the form of Amitasha and Atulasha or running environment-conservation activities. Renu Singh attributed her remarkable achievement to Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe.

Showcasing Madhya Pradesh



Students perform during the special assembly

AIS VYJ Lucknow

With an aim to connect students with the cultural diversity of the country, Amity celebrates the beauty of various states and union territories as a part of the monthly themes. In this regard, a special assembly on the state of Madhya Pradesh was held on August 1, 2014 at AIS VYJ, Lucknow. The objective of the assembly was to introduce and educate children about the rich culture and traditions of the state. Abundant in wildlife and home to some of the majestic temples in India, Madhya Pradesh is a state replete with historical evidences of the early man — a fact which was displayed through a cave painting made by Yashasvi Verma of Class VI. Ashutosh Verma of Class II A, presented a tiger mask to showcase his knowledge about wildlife in the state and the need for its conservation. Students also performed a beautiful dance on a folk song. The assembly left an indelible mark on the young minds about the exhaustive cultural heritage of our country.



Young delegates represent different nations of the world

MUNshine lights up junior school

Group communication, policy analysis and deliberations — MUN for Class V saw it all

AIS Vasundhara 6

To educate young students about international relations, diplomacy and UN agenda, AIS Vasundhara 6 organised a two-day academic simulation of Model United Nations. Around 160 young delegates from Class V participated in it. The simulations are a part of the visionary endeavour of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, to prepare Amitians for future roles as their country's ambassadors, and sensitise them about the issues of global interest. The young delegates researched for position papers about the specific countries allotted to them, investigated international issues, deliberated, consulted and

then developed solutions to various world problems. They employed a variety of communication and critical thinking skills to present the policies of their countries on the agenda of the conference — 'The Earth is Burning'.

The students displayed public speaking skills, group communication, policy analysis, negotiating, conflict resolution and technical writing skills during their stint in the General Assembly. Principal Sunila Athley opined that in the global scenario, international cooperation, peace and sustenance of resources are of utmost importance and the platform of MUN sensitises students towards interdependence and interpersonal relations between nations.

Sanskrit Saptah rules



Principal Arti Chopra (C) flanked by students

AIS Gurgaon 46

Under the guidance of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, students of AIS Gurgaon 46 won accolades in the 'Sanskrit Saptah'. The event was hosted by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, in collaboration with the Central Board of Secondary Education, in the Capital on August 13, 2014. Nineteen Amitians received prizes in different categories including first prize in developing a game app and third prize in Sanskrit *shloka antakshari*. They were awarded by Smriti Irani, union minister for human resource development. More than 84,000 students participated in the week-long event. On the occasion of the valedictory function, the HRD minister released supplementary reading material on Ved Parijat, developed by NCERT for Class XI and XII. School principal Arti Chopra congratulated the students on their noteworthy achievement.



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Sincerely, #apology #not

Oh dear, oh dear
The annoying
Facebooker
We're so sick of your ways
Oh dear, oh dear
Our worst fear
Is your status update
Oh dear, oh dear
Annoying Facebooker
Here's some advice
One update a day,
should suffice.

Aastha Singh, AIS Noida, XII I

f Dear Rooster,
Thank you for believing that your purpose on Earth is to be a living (virtual) alarm clock. Thank you for posting a 'Good Morning' and 'Good Night' status 365 days a year, because if not for you, we might have had a tough time differentiating the AM from the PM.

Sincerely,
We have eyes. And a watch.

f Dear Prophet,
God-love-ness is good. But promoting every religion from Earth to Mars with 100 status quotes? If God were on your friend list, even he could go insane.
Sincerely,
For the love of God, stop.

f Dear Town Crier,
"Robert Williams is dead!!! Yes you heard it from me first!"
Wait. Rewind. *clicked rewind sound*
Sorry to burst your bubble, but we heard it first from the newly installed NDTV app on our phone, not you.
Sincerely,
Chain se sona hai to chup ho jaiye.

f Dear Mr Social Survey,
You know how friends don't let

friends drive drunk? Friends don't make friends answer Facebook surveys either.
Sincerely,
Your request flashing on the right hand corner is going to be ignored.

f Dear Viral-Friendship-Girls,
A newer and faster service has been invented, in case you didn't notice. It is called WhatsApp. Kindly use that instead of wall posts for your eye-opening and life-changing discussions on makeup and shopping.
Sincerely,
Talk to the mirror.

f Dear Baby's Mumma,
Your baby is cute enough to feature in the next Huggies ad. But that in no way implies that we

want to read updates about his first step, first smile.
Sincerely,
It's getting creepy.

f Dear AccuWeather
Most of us don't have windows. That is precisely why we love your statuses updating us on the rain! We will be sure to check your profile for the completely unexpected weather conditions.
Sincerely
Rain in monsoon was the least of our expectations!

f Dear Phantom-Tagger,
"OMG YO YO Honey Singh is AwESoMe! (tagged name) (tagged name) (tagged name)"? We appreciate your dedication to an artist but kindly abstain from tagging us in those useless and annoying pictures.

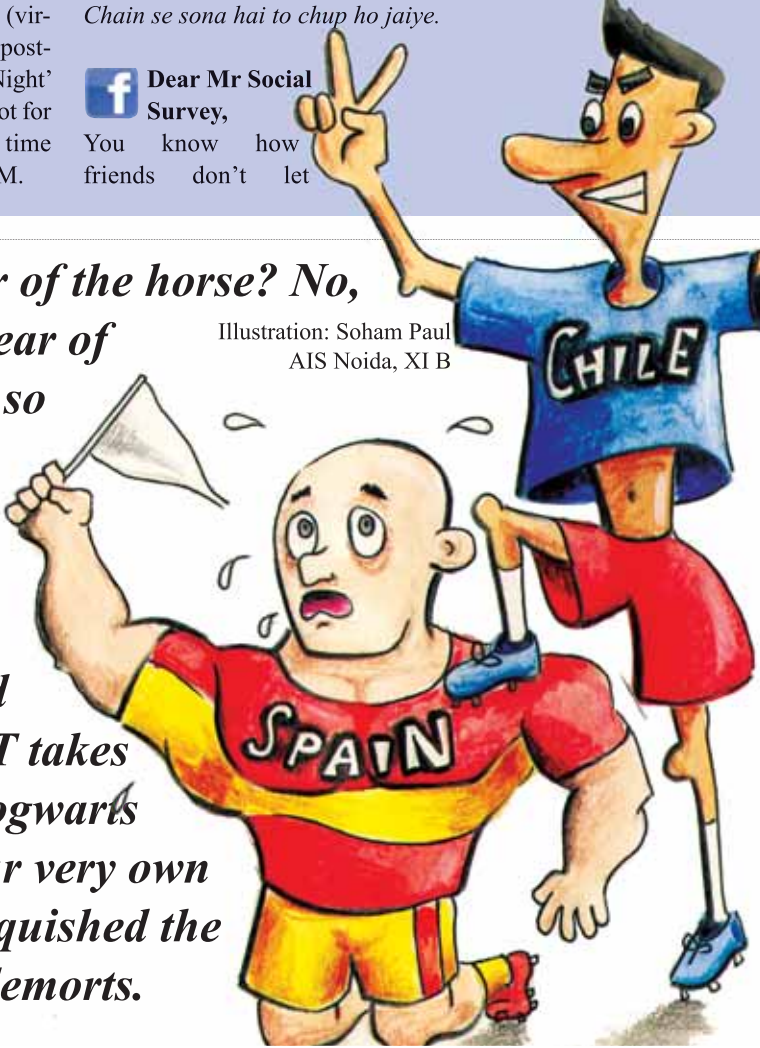
Sincerely,
Dope-shope is making me lose hope-shope.

f Dear Ms Selfie-Nation,
We've seen so much of your bathroom that we can now give a detailed description of the floral pattern of your bathtub. We have all clicked a few pretty pictures of ourselves, but a picture holding a cup of coffee in your night suit with droopy eyes captioned "Good Morning" is still new and confusing.
Sincerely,
Front cameras = narcissism

f Dear EDM-er,
We cannot stand our newsfeed being spammed by status updates of the fifty million songs you heard on a Saturday night. What's more annoying is the fact that each of your song status reads "Listening to the best song eva!!!"
Sincerely,
The person on your friend list waiting for you to stop.

Is 2014 the year of the horse? No, it's been the year of the underdogs so far! From politics to Bollywood, this year has truly been full of real life David and Goliath stories. GT takes you aboard the Hogwarts Express, where our very own Harry Potters vanquished the oh-so-mighty Voldemorts.

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Year of the underdogs

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David: Arvind Kejriwal and the Aam Aadmi Party
Goliath: Sheila Dikshit and the Congress Party
This year, Delhi elections saw an everyday IITian take on the chief minister who had been presiding over the capital of India for 15 years. Of course, we all expected the Congress to win by a landslide, (like it usually does), but Mr Kejriwal's anti-corruption campaign proved unbeatable. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) bagged 28 out of 70 seats while the Congress managed a meagre 8. Shall we call this a clean sweep or is that too punny?

David: Chile's national soccer team
Goliath: Spain's national soccer team

The curse of the ex-champions surely put Spain in a fix when they were kicked out (pun intended, again) of the FIFA World Cup this year by an earlier unpromising team from the little country of Chile. The world went into shock, as the Chilean team moved on, sending the soccer giants home at 2-0.

David: Low-budget films
Goliath: 100-crore movie club
The movie scene of 2014 has been far from entertaining. Movies like Humshakals may have managed to make the 100-crore club, but the *aam aadmi* (cap-less, of course) prevailed. With movies such as Queen, made with a low budget of Rs 20 crore collecting a whopping Rs 61 crores; we must say that 100 years old Bollywood is wise and mature now.
The bottomline: Faith in humanity; restored.

Bag Swag

From being at par with a luggage bag to being as light as a feather; backpacks in school evolve steadily...

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Primary school: The suitcase
You're at the school gates and you see it — bright yellow, big, beautiful. It seems like a lone object, but it isn't. There's something attached to it: a human! You realise then, that this towering backpack belongs to a 3-ft tall 1st grader! Primary school is where it all begins. All around you see little people religiously following the whole "bigger is better" trend. Ranging from pens, pencils, sketch-pens, books in all shapes and sizes, a rough notebook, almanac - the backpack in this era has pretty much everything that you can think of.

Middle school: Weight loss... or not
For some the backpack remains loyal to its duties, retaining its over-stuffed nature. On the other hand, some middle-schoolers give their bag some serious detox, resulting in slouching underweight bags, carelessly drooped over one shoulder in a jiffy.

High school: The backpack air
Enter — mind boggling study load; exit — the required amount of books. Who thought you needed bags as airy as Lay's? The contents suffer the same fate. Camlin is replaced by Samsung. That cap-less, chewed-on, blue gel pen may find place in some desolate corner.



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