

Charting the course

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Conflict And Confusion Of Cartography

There's a line that stretches from one corner of the world to the other and in between lies all of everything that ever was. This line, together with its infinite branches, often dubbed as a map, facilitates us in distributing places and locating them on earth. Howbeit, when the same line we use for guidance ends up becoming a vessel for Machiavellian manoeuvres – manipulate perceptions, assert territorial dominance, and manifest global power struggles, narratives warp fact, fiction triumphs, and ink blots write the course of history. Here's how.

Double double toil and trouble Err you will or turn to rubble

Since time immemorial, humanity has tried to put into words signs that cannot be explained. You name a place and find it mapped already. Howbeit, can human endeavours ever be devoid of errors? Not when these lines are drawn by victors, often drunk on territorial lust. The maps of the past, as a consequence, are strewn with sundry oversights. Take, for instance, the Viking christening of Iceland and Greenland. The former lacks the very ice it borrows its name from, while the latter is a winter wonderland. These blunderous endeavours are not only a product of their time but also end up defining our present. The 1920 case of The General Drafting Company is another example. The company, in an attempt to add an identifier to their maps to help detect plagiarism, invented (on paper) the town of Agloe, New York, at the intersection of two



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dirt roads. When the accused got caught, he evaded the charges, for, by then, someone had already built a dwelling there because people kept frequenting the place, expecting the said town. What was once fiction thus had taken real shape, all thanks to human ambition and maps.

Fillet of a fenny snake Friends and foes you too shall make

The very notion of a map exemplifies our self-preservation tendencies, but the truth is that there is no human tool that cannot be abused, and maps are no exception. For maps have now become proxy weapons for international conflicts, and further serve as

a tool for influencing opinion. The World Factbook states that 75% of the world's territories face ongoing international disputes over their borders. As in the case of Israel and Palestine, where zionism, a movement seeking a Jewish homeland, carved Palestine into two nations and birthed the long-standing, bloody conflict. Noted persons of interest also saw fit to cut up the African continent into a mosaic of polygons, because what is culture and nationalism when you have power and a pen? The Chinese expansionist attitudes that magically rename its neighbouring territories offer a similar insight, highlighting the nation's ambitions for worldwide dominance.

Eye of newt and toe of frog Borders blurring in the fog

By distorting size and centrality, maps have the “potential to affirm positions of power, trace certain global networks, and establish hierarchical relationships,” comments historian Nicole De Armendi. While our perception alters our interpretation of cartography, maps can also change the way we perceive the world around us. One such fundamental alteration was brought about by Gerardus Mercator in the 16th century. His Mercator Projection had a simple premise: wrap a piece of paper around a globe and then draw Europe at its centre. With the advent of far-accurate alternatives like satellite imaging and GPS, these maps have been rendered obsolete. In a classroom environment, the use of these maps is surely detrimental to education because of their misleading ratios. The map shows Greenland and Africa as the same size when the continent is fourteen times the size of the nation. Our preference for larger stimuli tends to warp the objective truth. Our psychological bias skews our sense of scale so that we intuitively relate size and significance. This, and the Eurocentric perspective of a map, inculcates biases as maps are often taken at face value.

Maps carry with them the impressions of the hands that make them, which is why it is up to the observer to detach the purpose from this map, as one distinguishes the art from the artist, though it is often done unsuccessfully. It is, however, paramount that one tries because a map without context is just an unresolved puzzle, spelling nothing but trouble.

THE GT POLL

As 40% of students struggle to find placement across IITs, what do you think is the reason for the same?

- a) Low paying job offers
- b) Increase in batch sizes
- c) Tech industry slowdown

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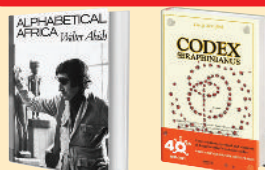
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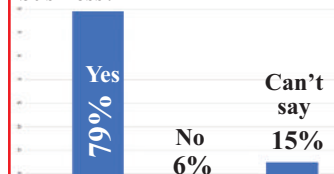
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POLL RESULT

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With misleading ads on the rise, do you think ASCI and FSSAI need to come up with stricter guidelines to prevent false advertisement in food business?



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Around The WORLD

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IRELAND

Youngest PM ever

After securing support of various independent lawmakers as well as of his Fianna Fail and Green Party coalition partners, Simon Harris, at the age of 37, has become the youngest prime minister in the country's history. Harris has succeeded his party colleague Leo Varadkar and will now lead the coalition government. Harris, the former health and higher education minister who is best known for the country's initial response to COVID-19, now faces the challenges of housing shortage and record asylum seekers as the new PM of the nation.



SWITZERLAND

Climate case lost

The European Court of Human Rights has found the government of Switzerland to be in violation of human rights by failing to adequately tackle the climate crisis in the country. The court ruled that the country has 'critical gaps' in their national legislation that aims to reduce planet-heating emissions, and have failed to meet its past climate targets. The case was brought in front of the jury by more than 2000 Swiss women, majorly in their 70s, who argued that the 'climate change-fueled heat waves' negatively affected health and quality of life.

USA

6.6 bn USD for chip giant

The Joe Biden administration has announced a 6.6 billion USD investment plan in Taiwan's chip giant, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Limited, to expand its production in USA. The funding is said to support TSMC to build a semiconductor factory in the state of Arizona, making it the third one in line after two facilities already in pipeline. The deal will increase TSMC's total investment to 65 billion USD and is done to encourage domestic production of advanced chips.



EL SALVADOR

5000 free passports

In order to boost the country's economy and invite more foreign investment, president Nayib Bukele has announced the country's new plan of offering 5000 "free passports" to foreign nationals who are highly skilled workers. In a statement posted on social media, the country is inviting scientists, engineers, doctors, artists, and philosophers with "full citizen status" and will provide aid in their relocation.



SIERRA LEONE

National emergency declared

Following the calls of the government, opposition, and public to crack down on Kush, a cheap and deadly synthetic drug popular in the country, president Julius Maada Bio has declared a state of national emergency on substance abuse. Bio has announced a new national task force, involving all sectors of society, supervised by a presidential advisory team, implementing a five-step strategy for the country's 'drug-free future'.



UAE

Real Madrid World open

Real Madrid World, the world's first Real Madrid-themed park, officially opened its gates on April 9, 2024. Created to celebrate football and basketball, the theme park has been opened at Dubai Parks and Resorts, and will be home to over 40 original Real Madrid-themed attractions. The park offers unique experiences like visiting locker rooms of players, sanctuary with club's winning trophies, tallest amusement ride in the world etc.



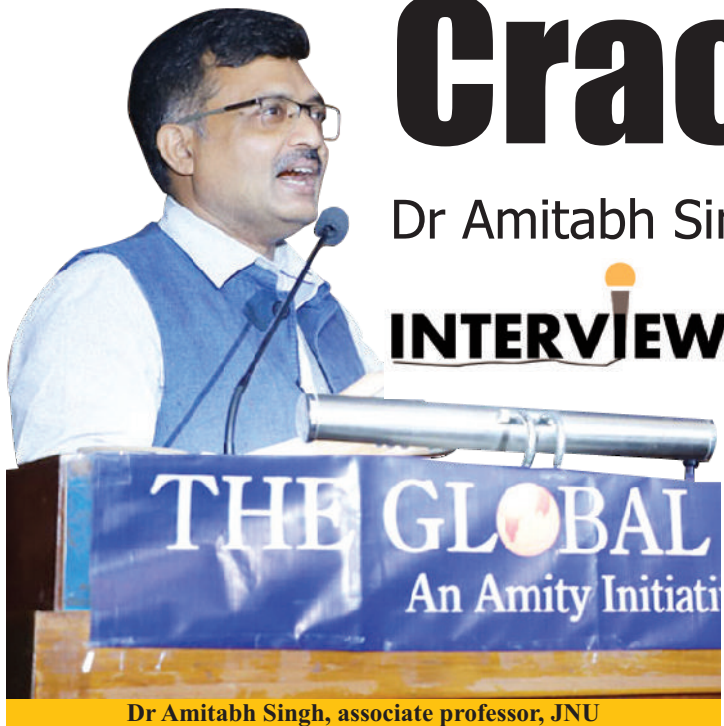
INDIA

Jagjit Pavadia for INCB

Securing the highest number of votes (41 out of 53) in the elections conducted by the United Nations Economic and Social Council, Jagjit Pavadia, India's official nominee, has been re-elected to the International Narcotics Control Board for the term 2025-2030. The elections saw 24 candidates competing for five seats. The news was shared on X (formerly Twitter) by external affairs minister S Jaishankar.

News Flash

► **Indonesia:** 6.5 magnitude earthquake felt in Northern Molucca Sea ► **North America:** Rare total solar eclipse visible in Canada, USA, and Mexico ► **United Kingdom:** Nobel prize-winning physicist Peter Higgs dies at 94



Dr Amitabh Singh, associate professor, JNU

Cracking the code

Dr Amitabh Singh Unlocks The Fine Secrets Of Social Systems

INTERVIEW

Yashi Sharma, AIS Noida, XII J & Ritika Yadav, AIS MV, XII D

As an academican and a scholar, Dr Amitabh Singh's name is one of a kind. With extensive teaching experience at prestigious universities in India, he currently serves as an associate professor of Theories of International Relations, Russia's Foreign Policy and State & Society at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Dr Singh has presented over 30 academic papers at national and international conferences and is also a published au-

thor. As he graced Youth Power 2022-23 as a jury member, GT reporters got a chance to delve deeper into his unique outlook on things. Here are a few excerpts!

The new world order

I was the only one interested in studying social sciences amongst all my six siblings. My father supported my choice because he recognised the zeal in me for research and academics. When I was growing up in the 80s, old socio-political ideas of socialism were disintegrating and liberalisation was on the rise. The complexities

of social functioning amidst this new world order interested me then and continues to excite me even now.

The way forward

To be really developed and modern, we should stop aping the west. Modernisation has become synonymous with westernisation and yet it is not. Modernity means generating and following ideas that lead to the betterment of the entire society. If we observe the Chinese or the Korean, we will find that they have a modernised economy but they continue to celebrate their heritage and culture in all aspects of life. According to me, happiness and contentment should be the criteria for calling oneself modern.

The real empowerment

As a student, empowerment may mean to you the access to money, power, or fame. However, empowerment, in its truest sense, is when an individual is in control of their actions without the pressure of societal norms and obligations. It also means that one must question existing societal norms and take



Dr Singh in conversation with GT reporter

Pic: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

action to change things. To achieve this, we should unlearn the rigid rules of patriarchy, build tolerance for all social groups and identities, and promote the well-being of all communities. We need to move forward as a society with respect for all members of the social strata. I believe equity, sustainability, social justice, and redistribution of resources should be prioritised to strengthen the foundations of our nation and society.

The inspiring diplomat

A good diplomat or an international relations expert has to be extremely careful about their choice of words and need to have

a thorough understanding of world issues. At the same time, they have to be focused and grounded while being open to improvisation. This is why I admire Shashi Tharoor who is also a great academican. I also am inspired by Henry Kissinger and, of course, Jawaharlal Nehru, for his vision that built the new independent India.

Message for Amitians

Observe the world around you and learn from it. Identify the causes of social injustice and do your best to mitigate its effects. The world is in your hand and you need to create an identity of your own and take ownership of your own life. [GT](#)

Book Review

A twisted journey

Book: Last Night In Twisted River

Author: John Irving

Published in: 2009

Genre: Fiction, mystery

Synopsis: John Irving's Last Night In Twisted River chronicles, over the course of five decades, the tale of Daniel and his father Dominic who must escape a terrible event that occurs in a logging camp near Twisted River, New Hampshire. The lives of the people, their relationships, and the circumstances of life on the run are all explored throughout the book. The novel is set in a variety of American and Canadian cities such as Toronto, Boston, and Vermont with an aim to represent the protagonists' shift-

ing personal environments.

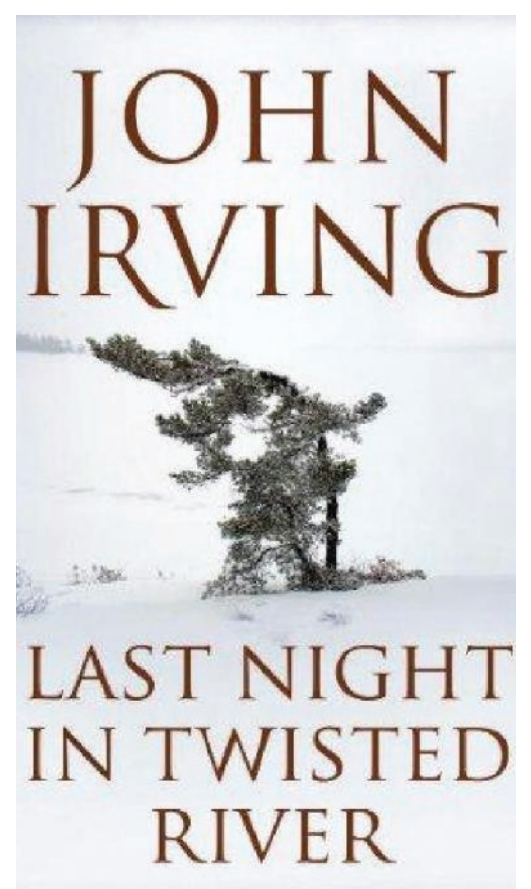
Why it is worth reading: Last Night In Twisted River alludes to a recurrent subject in which the characters are frequently faced with pivotal choices or transformations. Along with examining how the lives of the protagonists intertwine with historical events, the book also delves into topics of identity, loss, and the complexity of human relationships. Irving's distinctive narrative style, which blends deep characters, complex plotting, and a healthy dose of humour and tragedy, is evident throughout the book. The novel is a multi-layered and multi-decade story that brilliantly portrays the spirit of the American experience by emphasising the intricacies of life, the capriciousness of fate, and the lasting influence of life's turn-

ing points. Also, the characters created by John Irving are always memorable and complicated, and this novel is no exception to that phenomenon. Readers will find the characters in this novel to be interesting and relatable due to their variety of traits, weaknesses, and talents. The book was also included in Time's 2009 Most Anticipated list.

Iconic quote: "We don't always have a choice how we get to know one another. Sometimes, people fall into our lives cleanly – as if out of the sky, or as if there were a direct flight from Heaven to Earth – the same sudden way we lose people, who once seemed they would always be part of our lives"

Rating: 5/5

Review by: Yoshita Chug
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Portable powerhouse

From the crack of dawn, technology stirs us with its reliable alarms, and caresses us with the cooling breeze of our ACs as we drift off to sleep, weaving its wonders into our everyday lives. GT pays homage to this silent saviour that simplifies and enhances our existence with a brand new series, unwrapping A to Z of iconic tech pieces, one letter at a time. Here's presenting the **L** in this series that changed human life as we know and live it.

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The tech: Laptop

The inventor: Adam Osborne (laptop); Alan Kay (portable laptop)

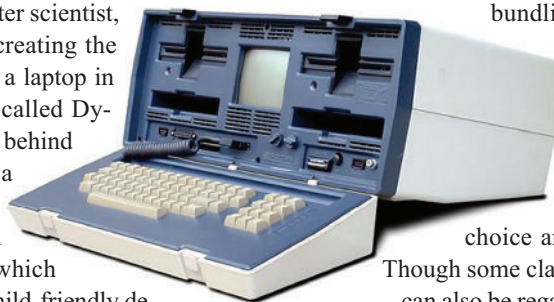
How was it invented?

It was the rise of personal computers that gave birth to the idea of laptops. Alan Kay,

American computer scientist, is credited with creating the first prototype of a laptop in 1968 which was called Dynabook. The idea behind it was to create a "personal, portable information manipulator" which would also be a child-friendly device. Ten prototypes of the same, renamed as the Xerox Notetaker, were created in 1978, but sadly the product never really went into production. However, the idea behind it highly influenced what we today know as a laptop.

When did we get to know it first?

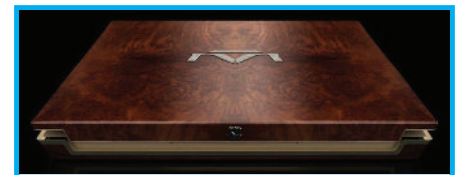
In 1981, Adam Osborne founded Osborne Computer Corporation and introduced the Osborne 1, which is considered the first portable computer to be mass-produced and marketed. The Osborne 1 featured a compact design with a built-in screen, keyboard, and floppy disk drives. It weighed around 24 pounds and was considerably more portable compared to earlier computer systems. Adam Osborne's marketing strategies like



bundling software and offering a significant amount of pre-installed applications made the Osborne 1 a popular choice among consumers. Though some claim that IBM 5100 can also be regarded as one of the first commercially available portable computer, appearing in September 1975.

Why do we use it?

Laptops have become indispensable in today's world due to their numerous advantages. Their portability allows us to work, study, or entertain ourselves from anywhere, untethered by a fixed space. Besides, laptops provide the convenience of a compact, all-in-one device, combining a screen, keyboard, and other components. They enable seamless connectivity, facilitating online collaboration, video conferences, and social interactions with good battery backup. Laptops also offer versatility as they can be used for a wide range of tasks.



Fun fact: The world's most expensive laptop, the Luvaglio, costs a staggering one million USD. It features a diamond-encrusted power button and even has a customisable selection of different high-end materials.

How has it helped our lives?

Laptops have enhanced our lives by providing mobility and flexibility in computing. They enable us to work remotely, stay connected with others, access information and resources, and pursue our interests from anywhere. Laptops have revolutionised the way we work, study, and engage with technology, making our lives more efficient and connected than ever before. They have greatly improved productivity, communication, education, entertainment, and countless other aspects of our daily lives. 🇮🇳

Science of rainbows

Want To Know How The Seven Colours Come Together? Read On!

Amishi Jain, AIS MV, Alumna

The magical town of Sparkles was all about sorcery, spirits, witches, wizards, and charisma. Every evening, the pixies and fairies would go near the meadows to behold the pinkish orange firmament in the sky and waterfall running down from a cliff like crystal-clear diamonds. However, one day, the skies were engulfed with darkness and the town resigned into gloom. No one knew what had dawned upon them as if it were a curse. The fairies tried sprinkling pixie dust around town, but all in vain.

At last, they beckoned Tinker Bell, the wisest of the fairies, to solve the unprecedented problem. As Tinker Bell heard the other fairies bemoan about a curse, she knew this was no magical ploy but rather a matter of science. Without much ado, she created two task

forces – Team Light and Team Water, deploying each of them to collect various possessions from the inhabitants. While the former gathered white light and sunlight, the latter cumulated drops of water from the meadows.

Once both the task forces had accomplished the mission, Team Water was given the first job. The fairies of this squad poured some water and potion in a cauldron and after some itsy-bitsy magical utterings, they prepared a huge bubble around their hut and called it the Bubble Of Joy. Next up was Team Light, who was asked to create multiple beams of light from the ray of sunlight.

Tinker then summoned the teams to take their positions at far end from one another. Team Light then threw beams of light on the bubble. These rays of light travelled through air to enter the water bubble. Since the water bubble

was denser than air, the light rays slowed down, ultimately bending as they entered the bubble. Once it entered the bubble and hit its inside surface, the bubble made the light bend once again in a process called reflection. Finally, this bent light burst out of the bubble into different colours. Tinker explained that this process was called refraction.

When the light aimed to move out of the

bubble, due to difference in media, it picked up speed and it bended, turning slightly upwards. The different colours of light dispersed even more, making seven different colours namely violet, indigo, blue, green, yellow, orange, and red. It was a beautiful

band of seven colours which brought vibrancy to the darkened sky. This band of lights was named as Rainbow by the fairies. And no, there was no giant pot of gold at its end.

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The science of it

A rainbow is formed when water droplets in the form of rain and sunlight exist at the same time in the atmosphere. Light enters the water droplet where it bounces back in a process called internal reflection. This reflected light then exits the droplet, breaking into lights of different wavelength, which are seen as seven different colours. This process is known as refraction. Thus, rainbow is a result of reflection, refraction, bending, and dispersion of light.

Type-casted away!

Presenting Mr Typewriter, A Legend Who Revolutionised The Writing Industry

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You might be wondering – “Who is this obsolete metal-bodied thing and why am I paying attention to such an archaic and irrelevant person?” You might even go so far as to say that I was a thing of the past before your parents were even born and even they didn’t work with me. You’re right...well, just about the half of it. You may not be interested in my story but if you are a person who is keen to know what goes behind a legend who revolutionised the writing industry, you may want to keep reading. Now that I look at my Hall of Fame, I had my share of spotlight, accomplishments, and fans. In 1808, my Italian father, Pellegrino Turri, brought me into this world for his blind friend Countess Carolina Fantoni da Fivizzano. Even though my baby pictures have been lost over time, I can assure you that I was the cutest little thing on the block and very efficient for my age. The specimens of letters written by the Countess are proof of my proficiency. In the late 1860s, I set off for America. Like every other teenager, I wanted independence of my own, so I could discover myself and find my place in the world. During my time in America, I stayed with the Remington Arms Company, who saw my potential and embraced me. They treated me like their own daughter, pampering me with

clothes, shoes, and accessories – deluxe, noiseless, portable and whatnot! I had my share of eras, experimenting and exploring myself with changing spacebars, key layouts, and ribbons.

As I entered adulthood, people started talking about me in the American market, charmed by my charisma.

Soon I became the hot take

amongst the American and the European writers. I started receiving endorsement offers from all over the west. You can say I was the most celebrated scribe of my time. Up till now, I had worked with many great

and novelists like Ernest Hemingway, Maya Angelou, and Mark Twain. In fact, it was with Twain that we gave the world its first printed manuscript

(Tom Sawyer).

With my jovial personality and fresh take on things, most people I met were fascinated with me. But I do remember a fellow who didn’t quite had the same take on me. He was the German philosopher Nietzsche. I met him through his mother and his sister on Christmas. He instantly hated me. Well, maybe it was the fact that I couldn’t undo a writer’s mistake. Once it’s down on the paper, it stays there. After all, people do love the blame-game. From there on, with the blessings of Remington, I moved on to further discover the world, where I met Sholes and Gidden. We instantly clicked. Together with our ideas and visions, I was given a total makeover, made more appealing and functional. My apparel was relatively more decorative, studded with vivid, flamboyant flowers. S&D also gave my keys a quirky, new interface – QWERTY. Surprisingly, that kind of stuck with me and I decided to make it a permanent part of my identity.

Now at the age of 309, I serve as a memoir of the world’s greatest writers and their works. You might not find me at a workplace or at homes (unless I’m an heirloom), but you can find my descendants keyboards upholding my legacy. Only if Nietzsche were here to witness their autocorrect and undo button!



LIFE GOES ON

Album: BE
Artist: BTS
Released on: November 20, 2020
Genre: Pop, hip hop



Synopsis: The album stands as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic and all the feelings that encompassed humanity because of it. The songs talk of life in the pandemic and provide a message of hope. Primarily a pop record mixed with BTS’s trademark hip-hop roots, the album is also the first one in the band’s discography that is heavily created by the members alone, especially in terms of songwriting, production, development, and visual design. The songs in the album revolve around comfort, loneliness, anxiety, depression, frustration, rest-

lessness, sadness, hope, connection, and finally joy.

Why is it worth listening: The album provides music that is a treat to one’s ears with thoughtful lyrics that gives us messages of hope, guaranteeing that during hard times, we will end up playing the album on loop for comfort. Even though majority of the lyrics are in Korean (except Dynamite), the beauty of their music transcends linguistic boundaries. Not to mention how the translations are easily available on the internet to make the listeners connect to the true meaning of the songs. It is a mini album that imparts a message of healing by declaring that “even in the face of adversity, life goes on so let’s live on”; it reflects the thoughts, emotions, and deepest ruminations of the members of

BTS. The title – BE – itself represents ‘being’ and captured the honest thoughts everyone felt during the pandemic. The songs are set in a cinematic arrangement of minor chords that includes acoustic guitar, twinkling pianos, and wistful strings. The emotional tracks make use of breathy vocals to confess fear, depression, burn-out, and pandemic-induced loneliness.

Favorite song: Life Goes On is my favourite track as it is the most relatable one. The song has slow-yet-heavy sounding beats where the lyrics speak of the difficulties we faced during the pandemic.

Rating: 5/5

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Nurturing financial gurus



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

Everyone should have a basic understanding of economics in order to manage personal finances, and make informed decisions as workers, consumers, investors and innovators. This learning must begin at an early age as it equips the students with essential life skills to navigate the financial complexities of the modern world. To most, this may sound tedious and complicated, but at Amity, the study of economics and commerce has been made fun and engaging

through the Ecom Forum, an interactive inter-school competition that fosters business and management understanding in young minds. This annual event comprises three competitions - Economics Symposium, Wisdom Wands and Fintoons - all of which act as a platform for engaging in discussions and providing solutions for relevant fiscal issues like e-commerce, banking, capital gains, Intellectual Property Rights etc. Besides, the ideas are mentored and judged by industry experts, where the young minds get an opportunity to become business prodigies while they are at school. The programme has become a stepping stone for many budding entrepreneurs who present ideas for business start-ups especially directed towards social causes like helping local artisans or reducing carbon footprint etc. In the last 24 years, Ecom Forum has not only helped Amitians, but also hundreds of students from other schools as well.

It's Time to Say, Hip, Hip, Hurray!

AIS Vas 6 has been awarded the Best Scouting School trophy in Ghaziabad for its outstanding performance in the Bharat Scouts & Guides programme. The master trainer of the school was also felicitated with Guide Captain trophy. [G I](#)

Plating heritage



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

While enjoying my morning cup of tea, my attention was drawn to the vast spreads of newspaper ads that featured mouth-watering Navratri thalis. Yes, the Navratri celebrations are in full swing and this nine-day festival - of abstaining from certain foods and purifying the body, mind, and soul - has undergone a huge culinary transformation since my own childhood. I remember surviving on fruits alone as getting Navratri food from outside was unimaginable. But

now, from small restaurants to five-stars, all are catering to those who are fasting. With celebrities like Madhuri Dixit sharing their own favourite Navratri dishes on social media, millet-based saavik food has found resonance with even the younger generation. Sabudana, amaranth, jowar, bajra and many more millets have evolved as a healthy eating alternative, and Navratri food reflects that many of these can be used to make sumptuous dishes not only during the festival but throughout the year.

In fact, at Amity, schools have also taken up the cause of empowering millets during Youth Power. At G-20, international dignitaries were served millet dishes, and this news became part of international reportage! Millets improve gut health and doctors endorse a millet diet for curing diseases like anaemia, micronutrient deficiency, thyroid, and diabetes. As we celebrate Navratri, let's remember that millets are an intrinsic part of our heritage and that our ancestors knew their power much before the world woke up to a gluten-free diet. So, embrace the old as you usher in the new with Navratri. [G I](#)

English vinglish

Do You Want To Roll Your Rs Or Rule Them Out?

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English has become the most widely used language as the entire world becomes accessible in the 21st century. However, variations exist in the language's cultural and regional aspects, especially when an American gets an order of french fries when the British menu only has chips listed. And so we wonder if English should be the sole bureaucratic language with such minute yet significant differences. Should one deviation of the lingo be the official one for all countries, let alone a different native language? Should English, being the most widely spoken language with approx. 1.35 bn global speakers, officially accept variations?

Data or data?

With changes in accents, the pronunciations of words are impacted. The pronouncing of the term water as 'wader' in Australian English and 'vahtur' in Indian English shows the role accents have. This creates linguistic confusion from region to region and even minor arguments in favour of the "correct" pronunciation.

Tyred or flat tire?

The most common distinction in spelling comes with 's' in British English (realise) and 'z' in American English (realize). Still, the most notable contrast is the use of 't' in past tense. American English uses 'dreamed' and 'learned' whereas British English has 'dreamt' and 'learnt'. With such contrasts, the most notable inconvenience is the red underlines on Micro-



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soft Word. So, is there any such thing as a "correct" manuscript?

The street talk

Perhaps the widest distinction is between vocab and slang when it comes to words. What we call brinjal in India is known to the British as aubergine; Canadians use eraser while Australians refer to it as rubber. Standard greetings also differ from country to country. From a 'what's up?' in America to a 'howzit?' in Africa, these slangs are unique to their regions. Though British English is known as the 'proper' form of the language, this aspect of variation is more powerful as it creates a stereotypical sense of racial difference and sometimes even fosters superiority.

A unified road

Maybe a few 'ah' and 'eh' distinctions can be ignored, but it becomes unac-

ceptable when they affect the interaction. So, should the formal aspect of communication be unified or not? Well, the most obvious solution to prevent variations is to have a globally accepted English form. This ensures that people have a unified manner of communication. However, it would be impossible to fight the distinctions stemming from difference in accents. And isn't this what makes humans a unique species, where each specimen is distinct? The human touch, as they say it, is what sets our race apart. So why deprive our language, the foundation of our society, of something so imperative to our being. The conflict of the discussion is evident when the 30-participant poll had 23 participants disagree that English should have one globally accepted variation.

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Dear Editor,

This is in reference to the article 'Ghastly ghostwriting' published on page 6 of the GT edition dated April 8, 2024. After reading the article written, I couldn't help but ponder over how our perception of a celebrity's work shifts once we discover it to be ghostwritten. Although we still trust their expertise in areas like cosmetics and fashion, it is undeniably an intriguing topic that alters our views when it comes to literature. I felt that the piece truly shed light on this hidden aspect of writing.



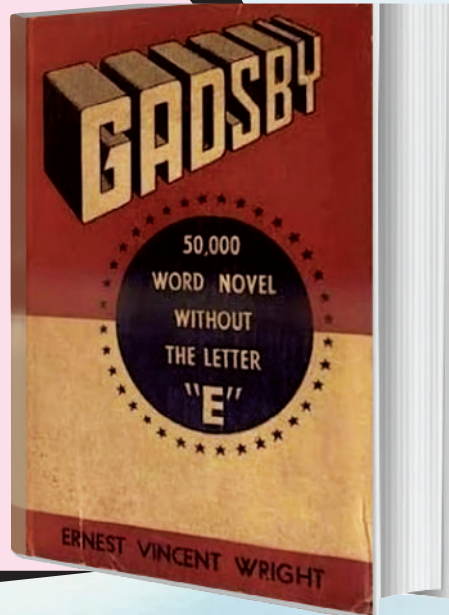
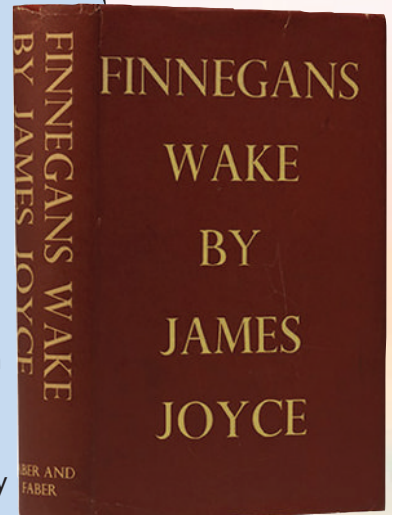
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The article does an excellent job of demystifying ghostwriting, which is often misunderstood and underappreciated. Despite often being unknown and uncelebrated, the contribution of ghostwriters plays an essential role in shaping books and bringing stories to life. Reading this article has altered the collective consciousness on the issue, and it's awe-inspiring to believe that there could be multiple unknown hands at work putting



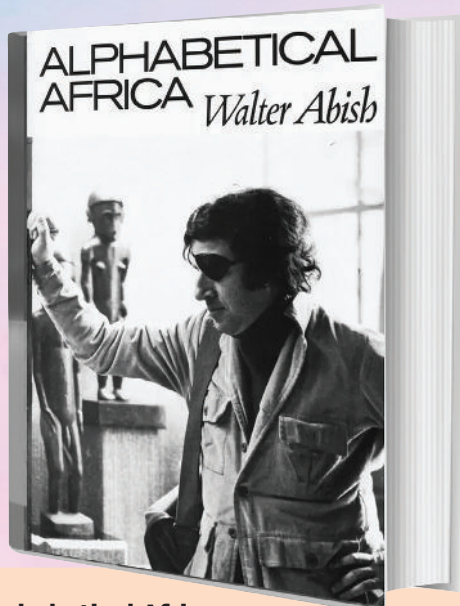
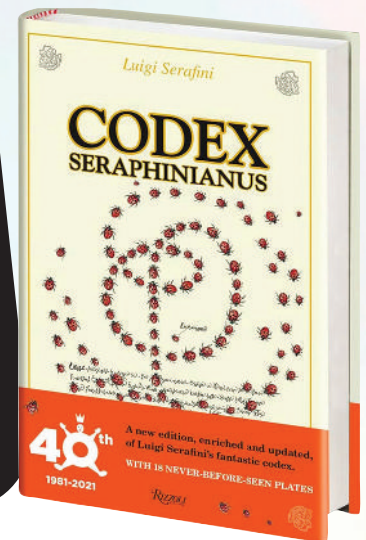
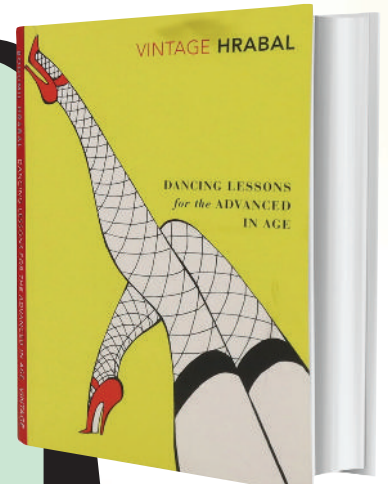
together masterpieces that we hold dear yet remain oblivious about their true creators.

Ishi Pandey
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Book: Gadsby**Author:** Ernest Vincent Wright**Published in:** 1939**Abstract:** The novel tells the tale of a dying fictional town of Branton Hills, which is revitalised through the efforts of John Gadsby, the protagonist, and a youth group he organises.**The peculiar point:** The book stands to be a lipogram omitting the letter 'e', meaning that in this 50,000-words-worth of a novel, there are only four words that contain the alphabet E, which is the most commonly used letter in the English language.**Book: Finnegans Wake****Author:** James Joyce**Published in:** 1939**Abstract:** The novel explores the lives of Earwicker family – the father HCE, the mother ALP, and their three children Shem the Penman, Shaun the Postman, and Issy. Following an unspecified rumour about HCE, ALP attempts to exonerate him as his son aims to replace him.**The peculiar point:** Written in an experimental style, the book is one of the most difficult works of fiction. Written over a period of 17 years, it is Joyce's final work in an idiosyncratic language with portmanteau words, Irish mannerisms as well as puns in various languages. The narration of the story is non-linear, resembling a dream that is hard to make sense of.

Classic oddities

The literary world seems to be a deep chasm of every kind of genre known to mankind, touching upon different factors and themes that one probably never even gave enough credit to be deemed important. However, as profound pieces exist, so do weird ones, the ones that make us stop in our interpreting tracks and question what we had just read. Join **Jasmine Kaur Kohli, AIS Saket, Alumna** as she walks us past some of these said bizarre bibliographies.

**Book: Alphabetical Africa****Author:** Walter Abish**Published in:** 1974**Abstract:** The novel showcases the African landscape as it forms and crumbles, all whilst being attacked by an army of driver ants, being invaded by Zanzibar, painted orange by the transvestite Queen Quat of Tanzania, and becoming a hunting ground for a pair of murderous jewel thieves that are tracking down a nymphomaniac moll.**The peculiar point:** Written under the restricted rule of a pseudo-alliterative, the first chapter of the book only uses words starting with the letter 'a', the second chapter uses words starting with 'a' and 'b', and so on until the writer reaches 'z', only for him to reverse and start removing letters in the reverse order one by one in the subsequent chapters. Set in an imaginary dark continent that expands and contracts with ineluctable precision, the novel, first one by the author, is a linguistic and comedy rollercoaster, demonstrating the author's stylistic prowess.**Book: Codex Seraphinianus****Author:** Luigi Serafini**Published in:** 1981**The abstract:** Divided into 11 chapters of two sections, this non-fictional book talks about a variety of topics like flora, fauna, a kingdom of odd bipedal creatures, physics, chemistry, bizarre machines, biology, history, Codex's writing system, food, games, and architecture.**The peculiar point:** Looking like an illustrated encyclopaedia of an imaginary world, the novel is around 360 pages long and written in an imaginary language. The manuscript is filled with copious hand-drawn, coloured-pencil illustrations of bizarre and fantastical anatomies, fashions, and food, which are surreal parodies of things in the real world.**Book: Dancing Lessons For The Advanced In Age****Author:** Bohumil Hrabal**Published in:** 1964**Abstract:** The novel aims to tell the story of a lovesick man who is recounting the various events from his past, especially the ones concerning his love life.**The peculiar point:** The contents of the book doesn't seem too strange, unless you notice how the entire book is just one really long sentence without any paragraph breaks or full stops. Regarded as a "humorous and breathless affair" by critics, the novel juxtaposes the public life of Czech Republic with the private life of the narrator.

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The killer future

Graphic: Uvika Banerji, AIS Noida, IX L



I look out my window projection and change my view of nighttime to a soothing picture of dawn with a simple click. So refreshing!

via VR headsets. The VR seems so real that I feel like I can smell the blazing trees.

3:00 PM: After a long day of school, I unwind with a shopping spree with my friends. We browse through different outfits and accessories in a virtual mall, happy with how many clothes we can try online without making a physical effort.

7:30 PM: What a busy day! I finally make my way to my bedroom, put on my favourite 3D music, and loosen up. I make sure to turn off all notifications so I can fully concentrate on this meditation session.

10:00 PM: It's bedtime. I change my daylight scenery to a mesmerising picture of the celestial night sky. As I lay down in my cryopod and turn on my alarm settings for tomorrow, I run back through the digital day lived. Sleep calls to me yet I cannot help but wonder what it was like to actually go outside, like they used to 68 years ago, when humans could experience the world around them not through gadgets, but with their senses. If only they knew what was to come, they wouldn't have built thousands of factories which made air unbreathable and cut down trees. They would not have gone about bursting crackers and fireworks, adding to the existing pollution problem. Alas! Those humans lived in the present, not knowing they were killing the future. 🇮🇳

Uvika Banerji, AIS Noida, IX

Year 2091

5:32 AM: The inbuilt ear alarm jerks me awake. The sunrise lamp is shining strongly on my face while my air purifier blows the steady morning breeze. What a perfect start to a new day.

6:15 AM: All brushed and dressed for a quick exercise session, I make my way out to a park just next door, quite literally. I go into my closet, put on my VR headset, and stretch and sweat it out in the charming virtual park. Next, I have a warm cup of milk while listening to the electronic sound of birds chirping.

7:27 AM: I look out of my window projection and change my view of nighttime to a soothing

picture of dawn with a simple click. So refreshing!

8:00 AM: I get dressed and greet my MetaSchool device, the gadget provided from school for safe education. As I attend my classes online, I can't help but feel somewhat distracted by all the different notifications popping up on the screen. I quickly turn them off and try to focus on the lecture.

12:00 PM: Just as I think I am going to die of boredom, it's finally lunch time. I scan the given QR code and my food is ready in an instant. It's not bad, but I miss the authentic taste of food cooked by humans.

1:00 PM: As the day goes on, I collaborate with my classmates on a project about the Amazon wildfires, diving headlong into them

Read Play and Win 50

Reading your favourite GT can fetch you a prize too. Complete all the boxes below. Click a picture and send it to editor@theglobaltimes.in or submit your responses by visiting The Global Times website (<http://theglobaltimes.in/readplaywin/>). Three lucky winners will win a prize every week!



Q.1 Name the personality interviewed on page 3.	Q.2 In which year does the story 'The killer future' take place?	Q.3 Which Amity branch is Vishrutyi Sahni an alumna of?
Q.4 Name all the books mentioned on page 7.	Q.5 Which technology is mentioned in A-Z of tech of this edition?	Q.6 "Double double toil and _____ to rubble."
Q.7 BE is a musical album by which artist?	Q.8 Name the animal mentioned in 'My lovely Theo'.	Q.9 Identify the four-people team behind The Bookshop Inc.

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

Results of Read Play & Win-49: **Ranvijay Rathi**, AIS Gur 46, VIII C; **Karan Jain**, AIS Noida, VI D; **Ridam Bisht**, AIS Mayur Vihar, VI B

Banana walnut cake



Manya with her delicious cake

Manya Sharma, AIS VKC Lucknow, Alumna

Ingredients

Ripe banana	3	Butter	125 g
Wheat flour	2 cups	Eggs	3
Sugar	1 cup	Walnuts (chopped)	1/2 cup
Baking powder	1 tbsp	Vanilla essence	1 tsp
Baking soda	1/2 tsp	Choco chips	1/4 cup
Cocoa powder	1/4 cup	Parchment paper	1

Procedure

- Preheat the oven to 350°F.
 - In the meantime, take a large bowl and combine all the dry ingredients – wheat flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and cocoa powder.
 - In a separate bowl, mash bananas into a paste using a fork.
 - Then, add eggs, vanilla essence, and butter to the mashed bananas and mix them well.
 - Now combine the dry and wet ingredients. Mix them together to achieve a smooth consistency.
 - Add in the chopped walnuts
- into this batter and mix it well once again.
- Take a pan, grease it with butter, and line it with parchment paper to prevent the cake from sticking to it.
 - Pour the batter into the pan and bake for 40 min at 180° or until the inserted toothpick in the centre comes out clean.
 - Once done, let it cool down for 30 minutes before decorating it with choco chips.
 - Your delicious banana walnut cake is ready to be served!

WORDS VERSE

Stairway to success

Ritisha Roy

AIS Gurugram 46, XII S 1

Failure comes but finds me unafraid
It instead helps me focus on my goal
I believe I am the master of my fate
And I am the captain of my own soul

Success is much harder to come by
But I am not giving up at any time
It may even be as high as mountain

But I do not lose the hope to climb

Don't stop believing or lose the sight
Challenges are the thrill of the fight
Hold on to feelings and your dreams
Beat the fear though hard it seems

Success is sweet; its secret is sweat
With values and moral I shall get
Against the tide and storm, I sail
Come what may I shall never fail. 🇮🇳



Through the time machine

Short story

Advait Bhardwaj, AIS PV, V B

One January evening, in 2021, it was raining cats and dogs. And I was snuggling my pillow, scared by the sound of thunder that accompanied the heavy pour. Suddenly, I heard my doorbell ring and I hesitantly ran to the door to see who was there. I called to ask, "Who is it?" but no one answered. Just to reassure myself, I looked through the peephole to check if someone was standing there, but, to my surprise, there was no one at the door. More scared than ever now, I rushed to my safe place – my bed.

While I calmed myself, I heard the doorbell once again. Rushing towards the door, with the hope of seeking help, I opened it and breathed a sigh of relief as I saw my mother. She had brought a mysterious machine with her and I quickly grabbed it. While I was exploring the machine, I accidentally pressed one button and screamed as I tumbled back, travelling many years back in time. "Oh, no, it was a time machine!"



I thought to myself as I landed in Persia of the year 1090. **Enamoured** by the beauty of Persia, I travelled long in search of the king's house until I reached a giant gate with Gate Of Shadows written on its board. Curiously, I opened the gate, but the moment I entered it, I became a shadow myself. Still determined to find

the king, I continued my search. After a couple of days' travel, I finally found the kingdom. I met the king and explained to him how I had reached Persia and the reason for my being a shadow. He listened to me and said that the most he could do for me was make me a soldier in his army. I accepted and my training began

After years of rigorous training, I became a part of the elite soldier squad, ready to fight the war against other kingdoms.

the very next day. After years of rigorous training, I became a part of the elite soldier squad, ready to fight the war against other kingdoms. One of the biggest wars I was a part of lasted only 72 hours, but it was also where our kingdom lost around 9000 brave soldiers. Seeing so many deaths, I decided it was time for peace to prevail. Though the king offered to find me a way back to my time, I decided to stay in Persia, not as a soldier of war, but as an advocating peacemaker. And as I turned the land into a peaceful one, I found that many shadows, who previously looked half-dead like me, slowly blossomed into full beings, finding meaning in love and peace. [GT](#)

So what did you learn today?
A new word: Enamoured
Meaning: Affected by strong feelings of love or admiration

POEM

My lovely Theo

Mehr Batra, AGS Gur, XI

Let me tell you about my boy
 He fills my heart with pure joy
 His blond fur glows in the sun
 Many hearts he has already won

His dark eyes sparkle like stars
 As though he belongs to Mars
 The way he wags his shiny tail
 It makes me smile without fail

For a walk he's always ready
 He is fluffy just like a teddy
 He follows me around house
 And scares away every mouse

He has the perfect black snout
 And he makes the cutest pout
 In a cute dress he looks royal
 As a friend he's the most loyal

I thank god for him every day
 For his long life I always pray
 We can never ever stay apart
 Because he lives in my heart

Two souls entwined together
 Blooming in love's weather
 It'll always be Theo and me
 That's how it's meant to be!

It's me

KNOW ME BETTER

My name: Prisha Goyal
My Class: III B
My school: AIS Vasundhara 6
My birthday: July 24

MY FAVOURITES

Teacher: Parul Khattar ma'am
Subject: Math
Friend: Samayra
Game: Badminton
Cartoon: Peppa Pig
Food: Idli sambhar
Mall: Mall of India
Book: My book of sentences

MY DREAMS AND GOALS

My hobby: Making crafts
I like: To spend time with my family
I dislike: Whenever my sister and I get sick
My role model: My mom
I want to become: A chef
I want to feature in GT because: Getting recognition is good.



COLOURING FUN



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Best entries for colouring fun

Dated: February 5, 2024



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A literary haven

Readers & Writers In Sync, Welcome To The Bookshop Inc

Any new venture, no matter how fueled by passion it is, demands a lot of daring; such is the case of The Bookshop Inc as well. The name might sound familiar to bibliophiles. After all, it is The Bookshop that once stood in Jor Bagh for 52 years that has found itself a new name, new place, and even new ownership. Frequented by foreign nationals, PhD scholars, renowned figures, reputed authors, book lovers, and even novices to the literary world – all of whom have now found their way to the address at Lodhi Colony – this new independent bookstore in town, The Bookshop Inc, is laced with a lot of emotions as it starts its completely new journey.

BRAVE NEW WORLD

The Bookshop's original avatar, that opened its door first in 1971, dissolved the partnership that ran the store on October 31, 2023. Just as its shutter closed that day, the door of The Bookshop Inc opened on November 1, 2023 with the same love for books, but with a new warmth in the air. "The day we opened, we were incredibly nervous about how and whether we will be accepted in a newer space, but thankfully, we saw many old and new patrons ringing our doorbell with flowers, chocolates, and the evergreen love of literature," recite the four-people team behind the store – Sonal Narain, the proprietor and curator of the store; Mahika Chaturvedi, creative director; Nishat Sen, sales associate, and Sohan Singh.

THIS SIDE OF PARADISE

Though the admiration for literature is perennial, a few novels and cash counter does



GT reporters browsing at the bookstore



A peek inside The Bookshop Inc

Pic: Siya Makhija, AIS Vasundhara 6, XII E

not make a bookstore; a harbour of such an art requires much more, which is happily offered here. "The Bookshop Inc is a labour of immense love, with acute attention paid to the experience all kinds of readers deserve to have. Accessible shelves, ample seating, quiet environs, and a warmly lit space that is inviting remains our priority. What makes The Bookshop Inc special for any reader is that each book on our shelves is hand-picked by our curator, because our directive is to be equally welcoming to all kinds of readers," attests Mahika Chaturvedi.

OF HUMAN BONDAGE

The biggest reward of The Bookshop Inc – one you don't even know you are singing up for, as confirmed by the many customers that accidentally testified for the store as we browsed it – is the feeling of community that

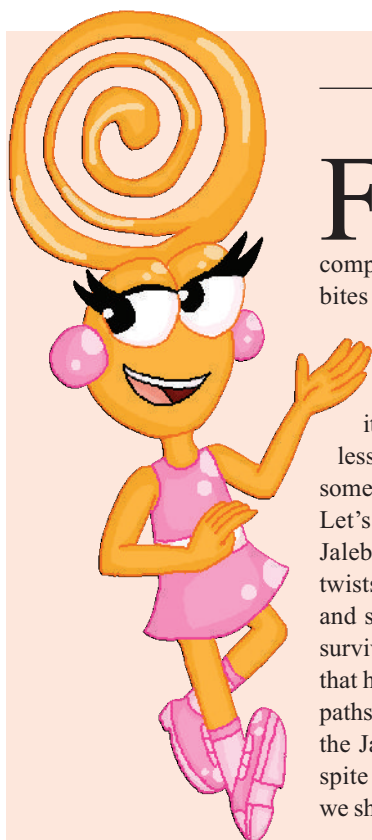
is automatically added to your bag the second you enter the place. "Each day at The Bookshop Inc has the makings of a novel, and we always make it a point to pay attention to the people who frequent our store. We offer monthly/bi-monthly selections on different themes which are influenced by our community. At The Bookshop Inc, we create, and in turn are supported by, a sense of community which is why we keep trying to find newer ways to be useful to the society. We opened doors in November, but we have already hosted about five author evenings. We prefer not to do book signings but rather curate events where there is actual conversation between a diverse group."

A LITTLE LIFE

When the topic dances in the periphery of bookstores, in today's technology-advanced

day and age, one is quick to mention online orders and e-books, but book connoisseurs, like the team of The Bookshop Inc, aren't worried. "A physical bookshop will always offer more nuance and avenues for discovery, people to talk to, and above all, an egalitarian experience of browsing, where books, which are beyond what the algorithm picks for you, exist in the periphery. Reading e-books and physical books need not be mutually exclusive, but people are still very much buying physical books!"

"There are books at The Bookshop Inc which only those who spend a long time browsing will discover, so when you visit us, try to forget your lists, and let the shelves surprise you. We assure you'll love what you find so much more!" promises the small team behind the big endeavour. 🇮🇳



Shriya Pasricha
AIS Gurugram 43, X B

From conquering a tricky test to grabbing a coveted position, from crazy cravings to a companion of joy, the flavourful bites of sweets accompany us through thick or thin. As they carry us through life, they end up teaching us a lot about it. So, let's look at the sweet life lessons that are carried by toothsome tidbits of these delights. Let's start with the spiral delight, Jalebi, that teaches us that life's twists and turns may seem chaotic and sometimes even impossible to survive, but it's the inner sweetness that helps individuals navigate their paths and make it a fun ride. Just as the Jalebi retains its sweetness despite the complex frying process, we should all learn to embrace kind-

Sweet life lessons

Some Takeaways Packed In Our Beloved Mithai

ness and positivity in ourselves, which would ultimately guide us towards contentment. Next up, we take delight in Boondi ka Laddu, and the fact that 'boondi boondi se banta hai laddu' teaches us the sweet life lesson that small efforts make a big difference. After all, Rome was not built in a day! Even the tiniest of efforts, when done consistently and with dedication, can lead to great results, just like our boondi. Remember, if something takes time, its worth at the end is immeasurable.

And how can we miss the round and spongy Gulab Jamun, which clearly defies the misconception that softness equates to weakness. Its tenderness is its real strength, which is why it is appreciated by all of those who relish it. Being gentle-hearted doesn't diminish our strength, but it rather signifies our empathy and compassion for humanity. Last, but not the least is Soan Papdi. Though not universally loved, it is continually crafted by its maker, showcasing that you might not always be appreciated or praised by

the world, but it does not mean that you should change yourself to suit others. Despite your actions, people will always judge you. So, find your inner peace and follow that; let haters be haters. In conclusion, beyond being mere confections, these sweets encapsulate life's meaningful lessons, reminding you that life is not a destination, but a journey. In the words of an old adage, "May your heart be the light, your mind be bright, and your days be filled with sweetness and joy".

A happy school

Amitians Learn To Create & Value Well Being



Amitians enjoy the moments of happiness

AIS Noida

GirlUp Gauravi, the GirlUp chapter of AIS Noida and all Amity International Schools in India and overseas conducted a symposium cum interactive workshop in hybrid mode on the International Day of Happiness on March 20, 2024. The programme aimed to foster dialogue and encourage positive action centered around the well-being of girls. Around 300 students from

Class VI-VIII participated in the event conducted by Sanjana Chauhan (XI), president, GirlUp Gauravi and vice president Stuti Priya (XI). The occasion was graced by Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, along with other dignitaries from Amity Education Group. Distinguished scientist and neuropsychologist Dr Manas Kumar Mandal, former Dir Gen, DRDO,

graced the event as chief guest. The session commenced with lamp lighting ceremony followed by a short movie on happiness. The chief guest motivated students to maintain a positive outlook in life during stressful times and spoke about the importance of gratitude. This was followed by a Q&A session with the students. Post this, Prof (Dr) Nitin Arora, head, Amity Rekhi Centre of Excellence for the Science of Happiness, engaged students in many activities including breathing exercises. Moving on, Founder President highlighted the importance of remaining happy and maintaining positivity in life, while Chairperson inaugurated the 'Wall of happiness', a concept instituted by the UN General Assembly. In her address, she mentioned that working for the well-being of Amitians and Amitasha makes her truly happy. The event concluded with the students writing messages about what makes them happy on the wall of happiness. [Gf](#)



School principal Sunila Athley receives the award

Tour de force

AIS Vasundhara 6

The school has been awarded with Best Scouting School trophy in Ghaziabad district on April 1, 2024 by Bharat Scouts and Guides, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs, in recognition of its outstanding performance in Bharat Scouts and Guides programme. School principal Sunila Athley received the trophy from Gambhir Singh, ADM, Ghaziabad and Rajesh Srivas, DIOS Ghaziabad. The master trainer of the school was also felicitated with Guide

Captain trophy. The Bharat Scouts & Guides programme was initiated at the school in 2021 for Class III-IX. This programme is part of the International Scouting Movement and aims to promote good citizenship, teach the value of service above self, encourage loyalty to the community and build character and health. The school has more than 500 students enrolled as cubs, bulbul, guides and scouts who have in the past two years created an impressive record of participation in the International and National jamborees.

Young scientists

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Uttar Pradesh Development Systems Corporation Ltd (UPDESCO) felicitated two budding scientists of the school with tablets and certificates on March 21, 2024 for their participation in the national level exhibition INSPIRE Award-Manak (2020-21). A total of 19 students from Uttar Pradesh were selected for the prestigious annual

award. Tanvi Agarwal of Class XII received the award for her project 'Smart Drain Cleaner', an open drain cleaner in which the grooves fixed on a rotating belt collects the waste that blocks the drains and causes water logging. On the otherhand, Kanishk Jain, an alumnus received the award for his project 'City Sewer Cleaner', a cleaning device that cleans sewer pipes without pressurising the pipes. [Gf](#)



School principal addresses the young minds

Leadership lessons

AIS Gurugram 46

On April 5, 2024, a meeting with the junior and senior school council was organised, based on the theme of leadership. School principal Arti Chopra spoke to the young leaders and delved into multiple dimensions of what leadership entails. The key point of the discussion was how the process of character building is integral to creation, performance and ca-

pability of a leader. Further, the students understood that leadership is not just about authority or assertiveness, but also about acquiring new skills and upholding the existing ones with consistency. The concept of SWOT analysis (strength, weakness, opportunity, threat) for self-development of leaders was also explained along with the idea that constructive criticism is necessary to continuously improve and build oneself.

Keeping books

AIS Vasundhara 6

As the new session commenced, the book club of Class VI-VIII delved into a new domain of learning to keep the books in their demarcated place on library shelves on April 1, 2024. During the activity, the students learnt how to stack the books by their call number which follows the Dewey decimal classification system. They understood how a call number works like an address for a book within a library as it uniquely identifies a specific book and helps users locate it on the shelves. It also represents the subject of the book. Students imbibed the art of maintaining the library collection efficiently and attained organisation skills making a huge set of books easily and efficiently accessible to the users. [Gf](#)



Students arrange books in the library



Kanishk and Tanvi with their principal and mentors



Legal eagle



Being a successful lawyer in courts in India and a senior associate at a top-tier law firm is what dreams are made of. Such is the tale of **Vishrutyi Sahni**, an alumna of **AIS Noida**, and her achievements are a true testament to those passing through the halls of Amity. She was recently awarded with the accolade of being one of the **Top 30 Under 30 Lawyers in India** by a panel of an extremely renowned jury that judged her on her pathbreaking work, pro bono efforts, experience, field knowledge, and industrial recognition. Read on as she shares some nuggets of wisdom from her inspiring and motivating story with **Yashi Sharma, XII J & Laksh Saxena, XII H, AIS Noida**.

The right recognition

Any recognition for my work is a testament to all the hard work and training I have gotten since school. At times, it comes in the form of an award, and sometimes it is just a pat on the back by your idols in court. These recognitions motivate me to keep doing what I'm doing and doing it well, because being a lawyer comes with a lot of responsibility toward the people you represent. In fact, getting a positive outcome for your client in the overburdened courts in India sur-

passes any other recognition.

The right motivation

My motivation for choosing to be a lawyer was to help people with basic necessities. My parents are doctors and early on it was instilled in me that whatever path I choose, it should be towards giving back to society, and professionals like doctors and lawyers can always do that. It is small things like informing the support staff about their rights so that nobody takes them for a ride, or sometimes just helping my driver

defend himself from an (unreasonable) challan!

The right picture

In movies, they show you a different picture of being a lawyer, but real life is nothing like that. There are no gavels, no fancy hair, no glamorous attire; even my first day as a law intern was so anti-climactic! It was like sitting in a board room and addressing the person on the bench with a little more deference. That's all. But the thrill of being in court matches all expect-



GT journos interact with Vishrutyi Sahni

Pic: Anjali Gupta, AIS Noida, XI I

tations of the reel life, and it makes all the long hours and sleepless nights worth it.

The right balance

In courts in India, you barely get a few minutes to present your case before a judge. To judiciously use your limited time in a pool of emotions, weighing your words and putting in the right amount of research and hard work is a critical balance that must be achieved to do justice to those you represent.

The right skill

Great oration is an essential skill to excel in legal profession. Besides, I believe articulation and concise communication are vital to getting your case through. Having the presence of mind to think on your feet is also really important. And

Amity was a major contributor to these skills by exposing us to numerous opportunities such as debates, theatre, MUNs, and just-a-minutes early on.

The right foundation

It has been 12 years since I left Amity and I believe I am a product of all the opportunities I got inside and outside the classroom. The access to a plethora of opportunities helped me develop crucial skills that added to my personality. Also, interaction with seniors during school shapes you well to deal with your superiors in near future. Being a part of this inter-connected family and finding a sense of belonging has also made me a confident person. The opportunities at Amity are incomparable; I advise you to cherish them all. 🇮🇳

Poem

The great sock mystery

Jiya Arora, AIS Gurugram 43, XI C

In laundry's depths, a mystifying plight
Our socks vanish, slipping out of sight
Once snug companions, a duet complete
Now scattered souls in a grand retreat

Do they wander through a hidden door
To realms untamed, unknown, and more
Adventurers in a vast uncharted sphere
Leaving us with one less mate to wear

Do they frolic like stars in midnight sky
While we search beneath laundry's sigh
Exploring distant lands with daring grace
Their escapades unfolding in secret place

Perhaps they dance in a river's gentle flow
Or traverse mountains where wild winds go
In nature's embrace, they truly roam free
Embarking on journeys, far from you and me

In unseen gatherings do they find delight
Sharing tales beneath the moon's soft light
Whispering secrets within a sock-ish clan
As we remain clueless, longing to understand

The mystery they weave, the wayward socks
Vanishing like whispers among ticking clocks
But let our minds imagine their vibrant flight
As they traverse unseen ways, hidden from sight. 🇮🇳



GT Travels to Singapore



Harshita Prashant, AIS Saket, IV B poses with her copy of **The Global Times** at Merlion Park, Singapore. A famous landmark and a major tourist attraction, it holds two statues of merlions (a mythical creature with a lion's head and the body of a fish). It is also the mascot of Singapore. Measuring 8.6 m tall, this iconic structure spouts water from its mouth.

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