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A startup in Iceland, a 32 year old scientist, another company from New York and many more pioneers of the technological world have a new case at hand, the recycling of carbon-dioxide. While a few milestones have been achieved, many paths are yet to be discovered. Meanwhile, **Romika Chakraborty**, *GT Network*, tries to foresee what the future has for it, whilst driving the wheels of past.



Illustration: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

Fossils that fuel

The great crisis

Scientists at the Hellisheidi Power Plant, Iceland are trying to convert waste carbon into rocks while Global Thermostat, a New York based company, hopes to recycle carbon dioxide into gasoline. Recycling carbon straight from air, rather than industrial sources, is also a possibility. But why all of this? Because the carbon concentration today stands at a record breaking 400 parts per million, a mirrored truth of our failed attempts to control emission levels despite protocols and conventions. Recycling is perhaps the only light in the dark.

Historical coincidence: Hiroshima and Nagasaki had to be reduced to ashes for the world to see the darker side of nuclear technology. It took melting polar ice caps and extreme climates for us to take the levels of carbon emission seriously.

The great solution

Considering the huge amount of time nature takes for carbon recycling, an induced recycling technology has multifaceted benefits. An Iceland based company, Carbon Recycling International, that recycles carbon dioxide into methanol, is a prodigy to these benefits. With recycled carbon dioxide serving as transport fuel or used in liquid fuels like ethylene glycol and glycolic acid, our dependence on non-renewable sources will lessen. There will be lower costs and emissions. But above all, we will move a step closer to our long cherished dream of sustainable development.

Historical breakthrough: Nuclear energy emerged as a clean energy resource that today saves up to 2.4 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide per year. Recycling of carbon dioxide will further aid the process.

Hot war

Emily Cole, a 32 year old scientist, has created a technology to recycle carbon dioxide with hopes of reducing oil dependency. Wait! Did we hear ‘reduce oil dependency’? (Before you read further, a moment of silence for OPEC countries and their extravagance) We won’t be surprised if US has already started the commercialisation of recycled carbon dioxide. And then Russia will come up with a claim to have mastered it before US. Apprehensions ought to prevail, for the subject here is oil. International policies will be restructured and we may have a new world order. So much for the waste of your exhalation.

Historical prediction: Another cold war and then a ‘Non-proliferation treaty’. India’s stand will be worth watching. Meanwhile, Britain wants to be left alone.

And the aftermath

Earth provides enough for man’s need, but not greed. The greed that will come in terms of increased demands and businesses making money and carbon hand over fist. The equation of demand and supply may disturb that of resource and use.

Historical/hysterical conclusion: The Chernobyl nuclear disaster apart from killing 31 people and costing 18 billion rubles left long term cancer events. A carbon recycling disaster could mean carbon extinction, followed by a freezing world. Yes, the heat will be gone. However, there will still remain a ‘Global Climate Change’ to be addressed with a new technology. Nonetheless, these are just assumptions based on history as is the very premise of this story. Oh! By the way, there is this thing about history repeating itself.🇺🇦

A mobile that folds like paper

*...and many such limitless possibilities of science and technology were shared by Prof (Dr) NK Sahoo, associate director, Physics Group, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre. Read on as he indulges in an exclusive interview with **Megha Sahu**, AIS Noida, XII, during the 60th DAE Solid State Physics Symposium 2015 (SSPS), held at AUUP.*

On SSPS and changes over the years

The SSPS is an amalgamation of two important scientific subject areas, Nuclear Physics and Solid State Physics. It started in 1965 with the initiatives of Dr Homi Jehangir Bhabha and has grown ever since. The participation initially was not as high and the symposium largely catered to nuclear energy programmes and study of nuclear materials and solid state physics. However, the innovative techniques to study materials at microscopic and atomic

level, broadened the horizons for us, inviting participation from thousands the world over. What remains constant in the symposium is the idea to promote scientific studies amidst the youth for we believe that with world class facilities and the guidance of experienced scientists, they can do wonders.

On expected scientific breakthroughs in Physics

Studying materials at atomic and microscopic level is something that we are looking forward to. An-

other upcoming and intriguing domain would perhaps be the combination of biology with solid state physics to study bio electronics. Such is the scope in this field that we might come up with a mobile that folds like paper, you never know!

On the importance of finance in research

Finance plays a pivotal role in research for one needs the best resources in terms of facilities, equipment and instruments. And now that we are



Megha Sahu interacts with Prof (Dr) NK Sahoo

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looking forward to research at microscopic level, the need for finance elevates further to provide for highly sophisticated tools and instruments for such high level research work. An upcoming arrangement to facilitate finance is the Coordinated Research Project (CRP) wherein people with an idea can come together to form a bigger idea, get bigger investments and come up with better results. I am a part of the Associative Board of Research in Nuclear Science and we fund such projects and motivate further participation from budding scientists.

On Amity as a scientific host

Amity not only has stupendous infrastructure but also an excellent scientific temperament. Our very first interaction here brought to our notice a galaxy of futuristic scientists interested in programmes as SSPS. With the progressive vision, zeal and zest of Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, the foundation of Amity is unmatched. The bright hope in his eyes, his keen attitude and how he takes discussions to an all new level was a major factor that made us choose Amity as a host.

On his expectations from the youth of India

Students are the future in every aspect of development. The brain power today is much better than what we had 20 years ago and is evident in CBSE’s curriculum too. Hence, the expectations are even greater. Students are exposed to better ideas, they have easier access to knowledge and they also have better reasoning ability. All they need to do now is to target the right solution for every problem, and work in that direction with the vision to take scientific development to the highest levels of all time.🇮🇳

Once scattered all over the globe, lions now primarily live in Africa, with a small number living in India's national parks.



The past few weeks were a visual treat for sport enthusiasts with the recently concluded Euro Cup 2016 and Wimbledon 2016 packing hoards of action. GT brings you some of the best and some not-so-best moments from two of the world's most followed sports tournaments



THUMBS UP



WIMBLEDON 2016

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Winners

Men's Singles: Andy Murray
Men's Doubles: Pierre Hugues Herbert / Nicholas Mahut
Women's Singles: Serena Williams
Women's Doubles: Serena Williams / Venus Williams
Wheelchair Singles: Gordon Reid
Wheelchair Doubles: Gordon Reid / Alfie Hewett
Mixed Doubles: Henri Kontinen / Heather Watson

THUMBS DOWN



No Brexit: Brexit may have killed the Brits' mojo but Wimbledon was a grand saviour. While Andy Murray bagged the men's singles, Heather Watson won the mixed doubles. The win was a reason to rejoice for Britain, which has won the tournament only twice earlier in 1936 (Fred Perry) and 2013 (Andy Murray).

Khushi Jain, IX A

Fairytale game: Marcus Willis, won six qualifying matches and the first round to set up a Centre Court clash with Roger Federer. The fact that Marcus, who was on the verge of giving up the sport, managed to share court space with Federer is being dubbed by many as a 'fairytale game'.

Saloni Saxena, IX B

Serena Williams: History was created when Serena Williams equaled Steffi Graf's Open Era record of winning 22 singles titles. She bagged the title by seeing off a woman who denied her the record earlier, Angelique Kerber. It was a morale boost for Williams who was being written off.

Samasti Panwar, X A

The game must go on: The date of the women's finals clashed with the wedding date of Cibulkova who was willing to postpone it. Venus Williams won women doubles, fighting Sjogren's Syndrome, an auto immune condition. Gordon Reid, battling paralysis, smashed victory in the wheelchair singles and doubles titles.

Sejal Arora, X A

Djokovic exit: For someone with all four grand slam titles to his credit, being beaten by world number 41 was a huge upset. Querrey's triumph over Djokovic proved he wasn't invincible.

Ayush Gupta, X A

Federer outplayed: The loss of Roger Federer to Milos Raonic was a good blow for Roger, who was chasing his eighth title. He was beaten for

the first time in 11 Wimbledon semi-finals.

Abhinhi Singh, IX B

India wobbles: Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis lost to Timea Babos and Yaroslava Shvedova in the quarter finals of the women's doubles. Even Leander Paes and Marcin Matkowski, the men's doubles duo failed to bring any laurels.

Tanveer Singh, X A

Fourth Sunday for fourth time: This time, Wimbledon decided to play on the middle Sunday, traditionally a day off for the players as well as the grass courts. The reason cited for this was the uninterrupted rain. The last three times it happened was in 1991, 1997 and 2004.

Aarti Yadav, IX A

Flared tempers: Heather Watson was fined 9,000 pounds for damaging the grass surface. Serb Viktor was seen hurling "You're the worst umpire in the world." And there was 'pee-gate' as Pablo Cuevas was denied a bathroom break.

Yash Singh, X A



THUMBS UP

The awe-inspiring 15 minutes: The match that ended in a draw for Portugal and Hungary was undoubtedly the most thrilling in the tournament. As the players battled to win, the back to back goals scored by Ronaldo and Balázs Dzsudzsák provided every football fan the most exciting 15 minutes of their lives.

Aryan & Amber, IX A

5 new debutants: Though the 24 team format has not gone down well with many, it surely provided us with some good teams like Wales, Slovakia, Northern Ireland, Albania and Iceland. It also provided us with some new players who gave the teams some unexpected wins and losses. Remember Iceland vs England?

Christine D John, IX B

Hats off to the players: 5 stages, 24 teams and 50 matches; the Euro cup saw some brilliant

players. While Ronaldo carried on even after a serious knee injury, Antoine Greizmann took the golden boot with 6 goals in the tournament. Hal Robson-Kanu, the only player currently without a club, stole the win for Wales against Belgium.

Pritish Bhattacharya, VI

Foes turned friends: Gerard Pique and Sergio Ramos, who play for rivals Barcelona and Real Madrid FC respectively turned into best friends as they donned the Spain jersey. Also, for the first time, two brothers played for opposite teams. Granit Xhaka played for his adopted nation Switzerland while his older brother Taulant played for Albania, his home town.

Jayant Singh, VI

EURO CUP 2016

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Winner
 Portugal

Not the best of the best: The 24 team format brought no novelty in the most awaited event in 4 years. All it brought was

drained players, too many second chances for the teams, less enthusiastic fans and an unnecessary extended tournament. Also, did Portugal deserve the final win without winning a single group game?

Aarav Sharma, VIII

Disappointment reigns: What does one do when the favourite of many and a big player like England loses out to a relatively amateur team like Iceland? Well, one just sits and prays for the team to win in the next game. But then, England loses again, losing its ranking in the Euro Cup and also losing the support of its fans. This was disappointment of the biggest order.

Aarav Chandra, VII

Fandom overboard: Everything was not happy and sporty as many England fans were attacked by French and Russians sport enthusiasts in the city of Marseille. The latter were involved in drunken revelry and created a huge ruckus for the English. So much so that the police had to step in to control the damage.

Pranjal Mishra, VIII A

The decline of great football: Blame it on the new format or the exhausted players, the matches failed to enthuse football fans. There were no goals scored till half-time in almost 21 matches. Even in the final match between Portugal and France, no goal was scored till 90 minutes. Worse still, most of the matches ended up in either draws or the teams winning with a low score. Whatever happened to great football?

Prannav Pillai, IX B



THUMBS DOWN



A lion's roar is the loudest among big cats and can be heard up to 8 kms away.

Play like a pro

Earn a million bucks and never feel like you're working. That's exactly how professionals gamers feel. Join the league with the know-hows of this field

Aksh Gupta, AIS MV, XI

How many times have you been glued to the screen, almost winning the game in all glory, only to be interrupted by the words, "Get a job!" With professional gaming emerging as a promising career, you might hold all the aces soon... tells us

Level 1: Game on

Almost every day, top developers launch new games that hit the sales with a bang! You may ask why? Because, not only is gaming a thrilling leisure activity but it also has benefits like increased concentration levels and faster decision making. Some studies even associate gaming with a better vision in terms of colour identification and reduced stress levels.

Level 2: A head start

With some major developments in the gaming arena, it is no more a child's play. Live streaming games and tournaments are making it a real profession, and a highly paying one at that. Age is no bar and even 13 year olds can partake in these tournaments; 'Counter Strike' and 'League of Leg-

ends' being the popular ones among many others. The investment: besides time and a good internet connection, a good microphone and a webcam, the latter being optional.

Level 3: Keep playing

So how does it work? Well, video games are a spectator sport, and online streaming of these games on sites like Twitch

allow you to build an audience for yourself, just as you would for a YouTube video. Advertising revenue would ensure that your pockets remain loaded. And once you've carved a niche for yourself, sponsors would ensure that it rains money, as heavily as \$ 3000,000.

Game over...

But like every other career, gaming has its

share of downsides. Talking of India, there isn't much scope here at present and it is only internationally renowned tournaments that ought to pay well. However, there are professions like compatibility testers and QA testers. Gaming is an upcoming industry, still in its infancy. But you never know, the tables may turn soon, changing the game soon in the near future. **GT**

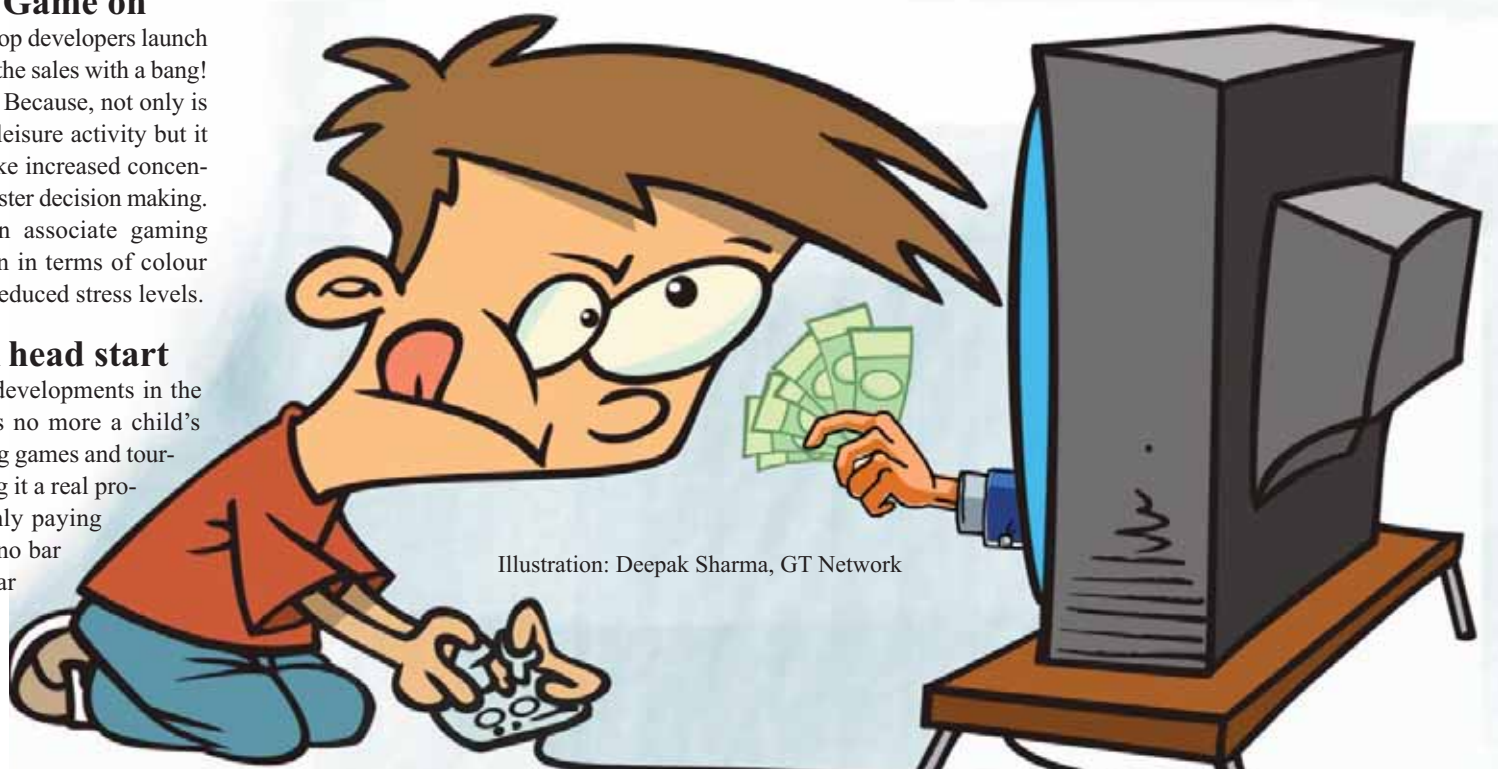


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c) $2\frac{2}{9}\%$ d) 0 %

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Ready to check in?



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Is traveling your thing? Wish you could do it all the time? Try travel writing if you sound like the person below!

Shivang Seth, AIS Saket, XI

You went to college: Any graduate with a degree, a keen mind and a flare for writing can go for it.

You can have your world in a suitcase: Your room and bed doesn't allure you. A few essentials packed in a suitcase works just fine and you are ready to travel at the drop of a hat. Go boy, go!

Lonely planet is your daily dose: You could do without supper but not without a daily dose of far-away places. If just looking at the picturesque mountains or reading about pristine rivers give you goose bumps, you know where your calling lies.

You can save money for travel: You don't mind not buying the latest bag as long as you get to lie on the beaches of Phuket.

You are the blogger: Blogs can be the easiest gateway to success for a travel writer. And it also happens to be your thing. Blogging about your adventures on a lesser known island sounds cool! Doesn't it?

You are also the hogger: You are so fond of eating, you wish your taste buds could relish every cuisine under the sun. Travel writing is right up your alley.

Bylines are your idea of glam: Magazines like Outlook Travel, Conde Nast traveler and many regional ones like Desh and Mathrubumi Yathra take in submissions from travel writers.

You still like a government job: The perks of a government job allure you every now and then. You do have the option of becoming a travel writer for the Indian embassies abroad that put you in touch with the tourism departments of other countries.

You are a man of words: Words flow out of your pen easily. You can practically relive a place while describing it to readers.

You are happy when you are traveling: Nothing makes you happier than the whistling of the train or a flight taking off. You just love the feeling of a being on a journey. So just pack your bags and take a flight buddy! **GT**

(With inputs from **Shobit Ranjan**, AIS Saket, XII)

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They hunt in packs and have very good night vision.



Lion King

Ek tha Newton

While you may go bonkers understanding those complicated scientific theories; the land of Bollywood seems to have completely ignored the phenomenon we call 'science'

Shobhit Ranjan, AIS Saket, XII

Science defying Indian movies continue to make the soft hearted (and stupid minded) cry out. Beware of these movies made without any logic!

What Science taught us: All species of life forms are different. Not possible to make a cross between two since they have different genomes and chromosomes; imagine a hybrid of a cat and a dog!

What Bollywood showed us: If you have had the (mis)fortune of watching Krrish 3, you probably know the evil hybrid programme Kaal was up to. Hybrids of humans and chameleons. Humans and frogs. Sources have it that he was nominated for Nobel in medicine, but alas, Krrish killed him.

What Science taught us: You need a lot of force, especially if you want wind, to make humans fly in the air. Even indoor sky diving requires a jet engine. **What Bollywood showed us:** Son of Sardaar showed us that you can replace the jet engine with a self-wrapping turban! In the movie, as Ajay Devgan's turban is wrapping itself around his head, it kicks up bad guys into flight. All those wanting to fly using the turban-copter, you know whom to call.

What Science taught us: Organ transplants are a delicate matter. Storing them in deep freeze to preserve them has to be done using very low tempera-

tures; and if it freezes solid, it is lost.

What Bollywood taught us: In the movie Diya Aur Toofan, the doctor takes out dead Mithun Chakraborty's brain, puts it in a disposable plate over ice cubes and keeps it in your every-day refrigerator and still ends up transplanting it successfully. Quite a science defying act it was!

What Science taught us: Blood donors have to get their blood tested before they are eligible to donate, and need to provide record of their medical history. Also, before transfusion, the blood groups of the patient and the donor need to be matched, or it

could be disastrous.

What Bollywood showed us: Amar, Akbar, Anthony are seen doing quite the opposite in the movie. The blood is shown going from the body of the three brothers to a bottle at a height (goodbye gravity) and a single outlet leads it from the bottle to the mother. Who has time for medical formalities!

What Science taught us: Again, humans need a lot of force to be air bound. And you need a push to move anywhere in air; forward or backward. **What Bollywood showed us:** Uday Chopra shoots AB Jr. from the passenger seat of his bike in Dhoom

3, after which he beats up the villain (mid-air), and returned to the place he started off from. While he took off, his career decided not to.

What Science taught us: Law of Gravity

What Rohit Shetty showed us: Driving cars? He prefers making them fly. Not once, but in every movie of his, the cars take off, and somehow decide to land on the villain, never on the hero. Newton would have cried no end had he watched a Rohit Shetty (read explosion) movie. Won't be long before Bollywood Science becomes a real life subject in which people can major. 🇮🇳

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Happy Earth

We live on the land it provides. We feed on the fruits and vegetables its trees offer. We breathe the air it gives. For all that Mother Earth gives us, we should do a little something to make her happy.

Janvi Johar, AIS Saket, X, tells you how

Go natural



- Go organic and herbal. Avoid buying products (eg: cosmetics, shampoos, toothpaste, etc) that have been tested on animals. Check for details.
- Try to have a vegetarian dish whenever you can. The meat and dairy industries contribute heavily to global warming.
- Use essential oils. They are great for cooking and cleaning purposes.

Animals are friends

- Caging animals and birds is the worst thing to do. Catching an insect and keeping it in a jar is just as bad. It destroys their psyche.
- If you cannot adopt a stray animal, then at least feed them. Give them biscuits, leftover rotis and water.
- Volunteer at an animal shelter near you. Animal shelters are always looking for volunteers and you could do simple things like walking a dog or cleaning water bowls, etc.



Reduce Reuse Recycle

- Try to pay with your credit/debit card wherever you can. Reduced use of paper money goes a long way in saving paper.
- Refill empty bottles of water instead of throwing them out.
- Carry a reusable shopping bag or buy in bulk so that less plastic bags are used.
- Try to grow some of your own food. Even planting a small pot of parsley goes a long way.
- Compost food scrap instead of throwing it away.
- Use steel forks and plates instead of paper plates or fork.
- When buying fast food, say no to extra tissue paper or plastic forks. That is also wastage.

Reduce carbon footprint

- Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent or LED lights.
- Use a ceiling fan along with the AC. Increase the AC temperature by 2-4 degrees, and it will be just as cool. This way, AC will use less electricity.
- Processed foods which are frozen, canned or packaged, carry a huge carbon footprint. Avoid buying them.
- Eating fresh fruits reduces carbon footprint. Choose baked potatoes instead of potato chips. Eat an apple instead of apple sauce.
- Unplug that phone charger. It takes up energy even when switched off.
- Avoid using those huge black trash bags. They cannot be recycled due to dark pigmentation. Or, buy the recyclable variety.

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There are eight sub species of lions.

Part 2

Prerna Series

This is part 2 of Prerna Series, a collection of ten stimulating posts about the life and beliefs of Chairperson, inspired from her interactive sessions with Amitians on Prerna Diwas - 2016.

The girl power



Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

When I came back to India after a 30-year long stint in Germany, I had a vision of giving back to the country. It was tough – managing six children belonging to varied age groups, and pacing with Founder President, converting our Amity dream into reality. While we all were working equally hard, I had the added responsibility of looking after the home front. No matter how successful they are professionally, women have to be great homemakers too. And they have it in them, to accomplish everything, with panache.

It's not bias, but experience that compels me to concede that girls are made of sterner stuff. They have to play dual roles – that of a homemaker as well as a professional and shine in both! It is presumed that they would be excellent multi-taskers. And that, is not an easy task. It is this ability of theirs to manage everything with a smile on their face is what makes them, superwomen. It is evident from the rising number of women leaders across the world that women are naturally better at management; be it Pepsico CEO Indra Nooyi, ICICI Bank CEO Chanda Kochchar or even our Amity Principals - they are all women of substance in their own right.

It is the inherent quality of females that makes them naturally blessed with remarkable virtues. Girls are more patient, a value that helps them maintain calm. As they are socially conditioned to shoulder various household responsibilities right from childhood, it makes them great multi-taskers. To add to it, women are relationship specialists; they believe in maintaining relations and value the little things that help to cement a relationship. That also makes them networking experts, a trait especially useful in today's fast paced times. The most important quality that a female possesses, is that she is a natural giver. She gives without expectation, loves without hesitation. To all the girls, I want to say just one thing – have faith in yourself. You are special.

Girls – you are here for a purpose – to teach everyone the real meaning of living and giving.



Prerna Diwas celebrations at AIS Vas 6

Perspective

Daksh Chhokra, AIS Gur 43, Alumnus

Has it ever occurred to you that less competent people rate their competence higher than it actually is, while more competent people humbly rate theirs lower? It's not just your imagination. This is a genuine cognitive bias called the Dunning-Kruger Effect. The Dunning-Kruger Effect, named after David Dunning and Justin Kruger of Cornell University, occurs where people fail to adequately assess their level of competence - or specifically, their incompetence. This lack of awareness is attributed to their lower level of competence, ergo robbing them of the ability to critically analyse their own performance. Bertrand Russell, a very successful mathematician once said, one of the painful things about our time is that those who feel certainty are stupid, and those with any imagination and understanding are filled with doubt and indecision. This is because people who are incompetent suffer a dual burden: not only do they reach erroneous conclusions and make unfortunate choices, but their incompetence robs them of the ability to realise it. Being competent may not involve facts and formulas so much as the ability to recognise when a limit has been reached. Recognising a true "I don't know" may not constitute failure as much as it does an enviable success, a crucial signpost that shows that we are traveling in the right direction toward the truth. American author and aphorist William Feather once wrote that being educated means "being able to differentiate between what you know and what you don't." As it turns out, this simple ideal is extremely hard to achieve. Although what we know is often perceptible to us, even the broad outlines of what we don't know are all too often completely invisible. The matter of fact is that the miscalibration of the in-



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competent stems from an error about the self, whereas the miscalibration of the highly competent stems from an error about others. It's so easy to judge the idiocy of others, it may be sorely tempting to think this doesn't apply to you. But the problem of unrecognised ignorance is one that visits us all. An ignorant mind is precisely not a spotless, empty vessel, but one that's filled with the clutter of irrelevant or misleading life experiences, theories, facts, intuitions and strategies that regrettably seem like useful knowledge. This clutter is an unfortunate by-product of one of our greatest strengths as a species. We are unbridled pattern recognisers and profligate theorizers. Often, our theories are good enough to get us through the day, or at least to an age when we can procreate. But our genius for creative storytelling, combined with our inability to detect our own ignorance, can sometimes lead to situations that are em-

barrassing, unfortunate, or downright dangerous - especially in a technologically advanced, complex democratic society that occasionally invests mistaken popular beliefs with immense destructive power (read: financial crisis, war, Iraq). You believe something, therefore that 'something' is part of your reality. You will seldom be the introspective person who analyses their thoughts and behaviour if you are actually suffering from this effect. Conspiracy theories are a great example by corollary. People who believe in them build an alternative reality, and nothing short of a swift kick to the head is able to change their mind. Even then, it is only a literal changing of the mind through injury. They will not listen to reason. So, if you are experiencing the Dunning-Kruger effect, odds are you wouldn't be asking this question. You are safe. Most probably. 🇮🇳

Pearls of wisdom

Don't diet away your teenage years

Arushi Arora, AIS Vas 1, XI

Teenagers today are pretty obsessed with their weight. Surprisingly, even children as young as eight years think that less weight is desirable. Often many young kids are bullied by peers about their weight. Also, they try to blindly imitate celebrities and want to look picture perfect like them. To get rid of the unpleasant comments and look like their favourite actors, they resort to 'dieting' as it is falsely seen as the fastest method to get slim. The obsession with dieting in teenage years leads to a lot of negative impacts on health. Since teenagers are still in the growing phase, their body requires a lot of nutrition; dieting deprives their body of those nutrients, thus making them weak. It also leads to weaken-

ing of bones and brain. Apart from putting physical health at risk, it also affects psychological health. Dieting is known to make one anxious and depressed, besides causing mood swings. If you aspire to be lean and have an ideal figure, you should follow healthy methods like yoga or playing your favourite sport. And don't forget to have nutritious food. All of this will not only slim you down but also increase your concentration and focus. Feeling pressurised in order to get slim will only add more stress to your teenage life. Teenage life is meant to be enjoyed, not to be wasted. Stay happy, love yourself and don't stress. Remember, a happy face is always better than a lean body.



The spirit of sports



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

"Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand. Sport can create hope where once there was only despair. It is more powerful than any government in breaking down racial barriers and social barriers."

-Nelson Mandela

When I read the news of India's 1983 World Cup cricket heroes signing up to recreate the win through celluloid magic, I was instantly wrapped in the nostalgia that gripped the nation in what is hailed as

India's biggest sporting victories. 33 years later, the thought of watching the yet-to-be-made film continues to evoke so many memories. That's the beauty and spirit of sports. With two mega sporting events – Wimbledon and Euro Cup - that held the nation glued all night having just concluded, The Global Times held special 'Classroom-based discussions' to bring you their many High's and Low's (refer page 2). Such is the spirit of sports that they have the power to hold the diverse society together, breaking through all barriers and rising above all conflict to become a symbol of global peace. Wimbledon, one of the oldest sporting events, has been played since 1877. Even the two World Wars that fell in between could not disrupt this sport that took off with just a short

break of 4 and 6 years between WWI and WWII respectively, only to return bigger and better. As for soccer, it was even nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Swedish lawmaker, Lars Gustafsson, who nominated this sport in his letter that went public, wrote, "Although modern sport has enhanced the understanding between people of different races and religions in different countries, it has never been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Therefore, to put notice on and encourage sports' ability to create positive international contacts, a contribution to a more peaceful world, I hereby nominate football, the greatest sport of all, as a candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize for 2001. I propose that the recipient of the prize should be the Federation Internationale de Football Association, FIFA." Euro Cup upholds that peace quotient that continues to unite one and all. For, sports knows only one language. The language of love, peace and togetherness. Play it with all the spirit and camaraderie. 🇮🇳



Dard-e-Chandni

Raksha Gopal, AIS Noida, XII

Months, years, decades have passed
Mankind was still new, the world overcast
The royal flag was hoisted atop the red
And Jahanara designed the busiest market yet

Her father's pride gleamed
Underneath the moonlight
And christened so it's still used tonight
Chandni Chowk, the heart and beat
Of the uptown folk withstood the heat

And so the legacy began
Brick by brick following the plan
As the workers' backs
Slumped beneath the sun
The Moonlight Square awoke at once

Like veins, its canals gave it life
Quenched the thirst
And abandoned peoples' strife
At noon spread below its foliage
Earl grey tea to books of knowledge

But one gloomy day sorrow did last
As processions passed, shrieks spread fast
The ninth guru breathed his final
Guru Tegh Bahadur hadn't
Accepted the Islamic ritual

As blood watered the Chowk's soil
A seed of sadness sprouted turmoil
Yet Chandni Chowk progressed day by day
Amidst invasions, colonialism,
Happiness and dismay

For the arms of democracy paved the way
For a secular moonlit bay
But now the canals no longer last
Grandeur, importance were things of the past

The once wide lanes bend crookedly
The history behind walls remains unseen
The rich stories unkempt and untold
Decay underneath the rumbling mould

Processions don't pass, no longer moonlit
This Daastan-e-Chandni in history doesn't fit
So revive, relive, save it from oblivion
Prove the faith of a true Indian.



Daastan -e- Dilli (Dobara)

It has breathed progress and bled atrocities. It was adorned with palaces that were later abandoned. While our love for Delhi never ceased, some parts of it were surely besieged. Time to introspect, preserve the precious and build the best yet in the capital of dreams



Dil mein Dilli

Delhi is where dreams come true. Those who are born here have an invincible love for the city. Those who are new to the city are soon enamoured by its warm embrace which doesn't let them leave. Delhi is where the best of India, from food to architecture, comes together. **Vasundhara Saxena, AIS Noida, XII** gives us 8 reasons why we adore Delhi...

Best of both worlds

It is a city that simultaneously accommodates two different worlds; the contemporary style of the modern era blended with the grandeur of the medieval. You have Agrasen ki Baoli and then you have DLF Promenade. One doesn't need to step out of Delhi for absolutely anything. You have it all here!

Golden triangle

Delhi is a part of the golden triangle whose vertices happen to be the royal city of Jaipur and the abode of Taj Mahal, Agra. There is no place Delhi doesn't lead to.

Road trips galore

As and when the hustle bustle of the city gets monotonous, heading to a nearby getaway is what Delhiites love the most. Murthal is just 2 hours away from Delhi serving some pocket-friendly and finger-licking food. The proximity of Delhi to places like Chandigarh and a multitude of hill stations makes it just the perfect place to begin your road trip.



Street food

Every person in Delhi will admit to queuing up outside the most crowded places in the hottest of days, all just to taste those heavenly delicious, famous *gol gappas* or *chhole bhature*, for Delhi offers the best and the widest variety of street food. *Parathe Wali Gali, Chacha ke Chhole Bhature ...* feeling the hunger pangs already?

Linguistic directions

It is the only city in India to have road signs in four languages-English, Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu. Delhi feels like home to everyone. Whichever part of India you belong to, Delhi won't make you feel alienated at any point.


Religious unity

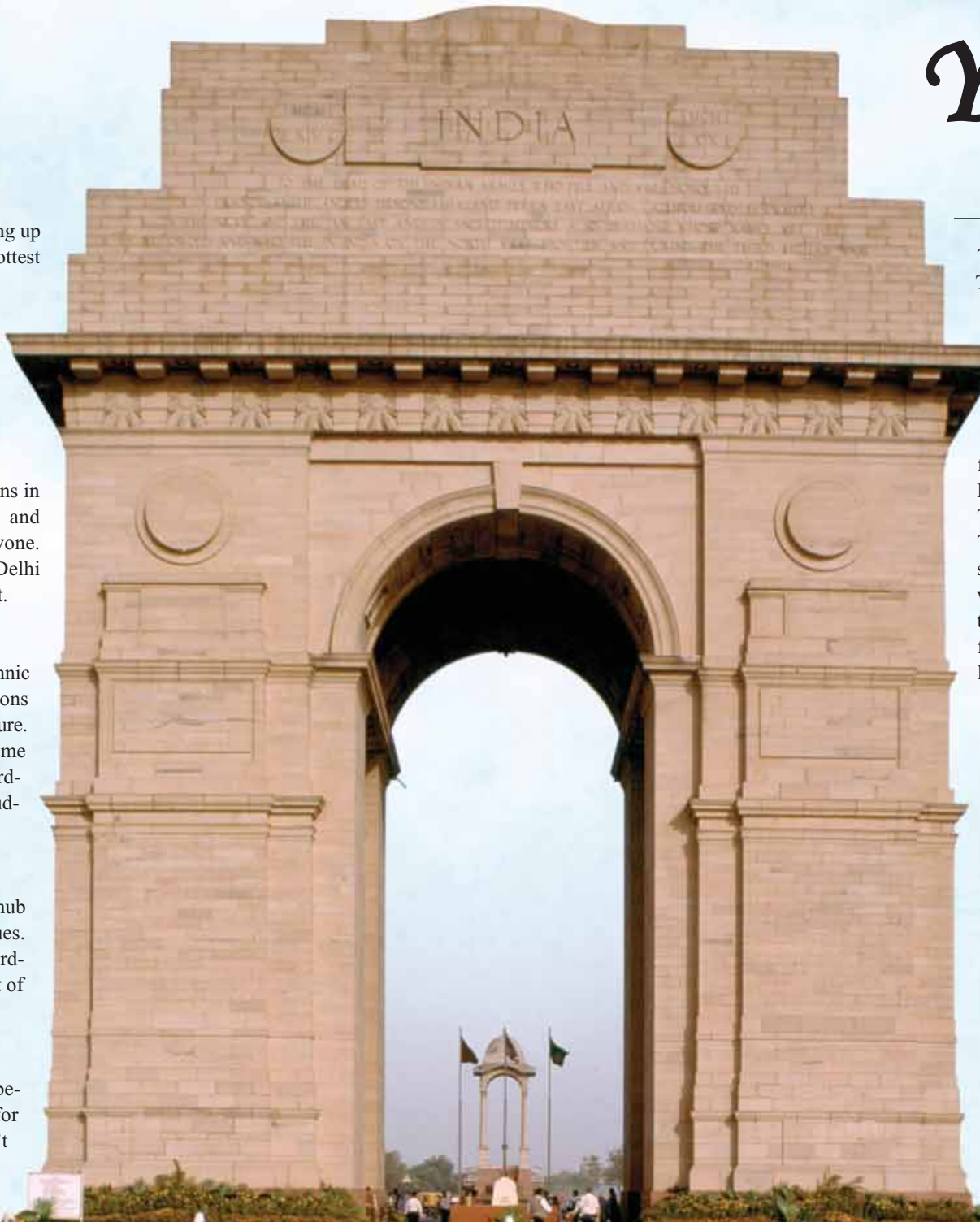
Delhi isn't about a particular religion or ethnic group, it is about hues of different religions coming together to paint a harmonious picture. While both Eid and Baisakhi witness the same fervour, the largest Hindu temple Akshardham, and the beautiful Bangla Sahib Gurudwara mark its aesthetics.

IT troubles

Delhi has Nehru place, Asia's largest IT hub at your convenience to fix all your IT issues. Dismantle, assemble and renovate any hardware you want to and buy stuff at cheapest of prices.

Extravagant landing

Because Delhi has Terminal 3, a perfect beginning to the grandeur that lies ahead for people visiting the capital. Who wouldn't want to land at one of the best airports in the world? 



Yours forever?

Oorja Rawat, AIS Noida, XII

To,
The people of Delhi

I am a legacy, an architectural beauty built by Sultan Feroz Shah Tughlaq. Built in the later part of the 14th century, I once resided in the fifth city of Delhi called Ferozabad. Today I lie adjacent to the famous Feroz Shah Kotla stadium, forgotten, forsaken and in ruins. I am the Feroz Shah Kotla fort. The Mughals decided to shift their capital from Tughlaqabad to Ferozabad because of water scarcity and that is how I came into being. I was once the centre of a sprawling city built on the banks of Yamuna. From the stone walled fort that was admired and feared, that stood like a strong soldier to defend its inmates, I am now just an abandoned building. Perhaps my walls were not strong enough to withstand modern development that shuts doors on the likes of me. Today, all you see of me are ruins. But I was once a beauty, adorned with priceless stones and painted features. I shone like a gem amidst the lush green forests. I was a grand and opulent citadel in the city, welcoming visitors, withstanding invaders. I once contained a gallery, a public court, a baoli (step well), cells and a mosque (Jama Masjid). The great ruler Ashoka's pillar that holds messages of peace, teachings, and tales of travel enhanced my serenity. I have seen death and birth, the past and the present.

I have seen dynasties rise and fall. Yet I am not valued. On a few days, I am lucky to be visited by lost

tourists who don't understand my past, by lovers who carve their initials, by uninterested children who have no admiration for me, by families who are unknown to my worth.

But even today, I have my peculiarities. Even today, devotees come and write letters to the Djinns that reside in me. They stick coins to the walls of my mosque, offer milk, sweets, fruits and even meat to the Djinns, all with the objective of appeasing the unhappy spirits and getting a long cherished wish fulfilled. From Jami Masjid to Ashokan Pillar to scripts on the stones, Indian history is seeing the last vestiges of my former glory. The glory of ancient India; hurtling into the unknown future.

I do feel lucky at times, thinking that parts of me are still visible, if not seen, unlike some other legacies of my time. Time flies by and societies obliviate as I lay here, the hallmark of a rich and torrid past. Our makers wished that we would live forever. That we would stand the constraints of time and be immortal and perhaps make them immortal as well. That we would be an icon for all. Alas! Not all wishes come true.

Yet here I am, still trying to survive, with every passing day for I still believe in my significance and that of my makers.

Yours truly,
Feroz Shah Kotla Fort 



Jahanara The hidden Mughal pride

Asra Khan, AIS Noida, XII

Situated in Nizamuddin West area of Delhi
Lies a mausoleum, calm and quiet as can be
Little did we know, it buries the legacy of
A woman of stupendous strength and piety

To her father Emperor Shah Jahan,
She was the most precious.
Which gave her younger siblings
A reason to be envious.
Her beauty was remarkable,
She had compassion and fame

Such a mighty princess
'Jahanara' was decided as her name
She was 17 when she witnessed her mother,
Mumtaz Mahal's death.
She took care of her father's health
Till his last breath.

Jewels, ornaments and gold
Were not her desire
After her deceased mother,
She became the first lady of the empire

The talented girl designed Chandni Chowk.
A centre of trade, hustle bustle and more
She was a known patron of sufism
With a soul that was humble and pure.

**Sahibat-uz-zamani (Jahanara) died on September 6, 1681. Her tomb remains at Nizamuddin Dargah in the city of Delhi. Many are till date unaware of Jahanara- The Shadow Princess' untold story. She was an engineer, writer, painter and activist. She was indeed an icon who had power at a time when women were secluded, for she was an 'exceptionalist'.*



The life after



Storywala

Manvi Jain, AIS Gur 43, XI C

The sky was a dull grey. Far beyond the horizon, clouds could barely be seen; a dull shade of white, travelling in a pack, or maybe it was just her eyes. Rushing to the cemetery, Rhea Bran ran over to a tombstone and collapsed on the edge, clutching her sweater tightly as the wind blew strong. There was a quietness, that of death, but it did not bother her much. What bothered her was the name on the tombstone, that of her best friend. The one who would always be listening to her complaints about life, about people and about the world. Yes, Rhea could rant about everyone and everything to

her. But her friend was goodness personified. She would often tell Rhea, “Life is very generous. It only takes away something when it has a better plan for you.” “You were wrong, life is selfish,” thought Rhea as she burst into tears. Yes, she hated life even more, now that the only good thing about it, her best friend was gone. Death, she felt was even more selfish. People wanted to say how much the deceased meant to them at their funerals, but what for? To help them with their life after they are gone? Does that ever happen? At least not for her friend’s mother, who has given up on life. Rhea feeds her, cleans her up, and tries to become the daughter she once had. And what about Rhea who often

Rhea looked at her, dumbstruck. And then all she wanted to do was hug her, tell her everything she’d been going through.

cries herself to sleep; unable to take the separation. She lost her parents at the age of 3, now her only friend was gone. What was left to live for? Rhea suddenly felt a hand on her shoulders. It was her friend. Rhea looked at her, dumbstruck. And then all she wanted to do was hug her, tell her everything she’d been going through. But before she could utter a word her friend tugged her hand and started running. Where was she taking her, thought Rhea. Suddenly they were at a tombstone that looked familiar. Samantha Bran, it read. And now Rhea could vaguely remember visiting the place as a kid. It was her mom’s grave. Rhea wanted to cry and wail, but her friend just smiled. Rhea turned towards the white flowers growing near the cemetery. All she could think of was her friend’s mother who loved those flowers. A sudden calm took over Rhea’s face. As her friend’s image faded out, she smiled and plucked the flowers. She started to walk a little faster for it was supper time and she had promised her friend’s mother lasagna. [G T](#)



Tomato spaghetti

Pranjali Singhal
AIS Saket, IX

Ingredients

Fresh basilA bunch
Onion1
Garlic2 cloves
Ripe tomatoes1 kg
Olive oil1 tbsp
Vinegar1 tsp
Spaghetti500 gm
Parmesan cheese15 g
Black pepperto taste
Saltto taste

Method

For sauce

■ Chop the basil leaves, onion and garlic (after peeling them) and the

tomatoes.
■ Heat olive oil in a pan and cook the chopped onions till they turn golden brown.
■ Add basil, garlic and tomatoes. Stir for 1 minute on high flame.
■ Add salt and pepper.
■ Keep it aside.

For spaghetti

■ Boil the spaghetti according to the instructions on the packet.
■ Add the spaghetti in the freshly prepared tomato sauce and cook on a low flame.
■ Add water if required and stir well.
■ Add salt and pepper to taste.
■ Garnish with basil leaves and grated parmesan cheese. Serve hot.

Read Play and Win

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

Q: Which team won the EURO Cup 2016?	Q: Name the writer of the article 'Play like a pro'?	Q: When did the felicitation ceremony of Class XII take place?
Ans:	Ans:	Ans:
Q: On which page is Mountain Dew cheetos mentioned?	Q: Where did the 60th Solid State Physics Symposium (SPSS) take place?	Q: Name the national animal of Scotland.
Ans:	Ans:	Ans:
Q: Which place does the student travel in the GT Travels column ?	Q: Mention the Brainleaks no. of this edition.	Q: Recycling of carbon dioxide is mentioned on which page?
Ans:	Ans:	Ans:

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

Results of Read Play and Win-1: Divya Upadhyay, VI C, AIS MV; Khushi, III B, AIS PV & Aditya K Das, IX A, AIS Saket (Your prizes will reach you in 15 days)

Words Verse



The journey of a merchant

Aayush Raghuraman, AIS Noida, IX

This person went and unpacked his lot
A wonder to behold to see his speed
Started selling his wares that he had got
And dealing with utmost heed

He sets across the desert plain
To search for cities beyond
All his camels in writhing pain

As they have stomped
on various grounds and fields

He smacked his whip with daring pride
As he trotted towards the vast land
All the insects scuttled to hide
As he came with his restless band

The horizon seems to stretch
far and wide, far and wide
And the mirages giving a dope
But our hero doesn't whine or cry
As he has a spate of hope

He recalls his wife's face
A thought that keeps him going
Even if he is in a distant place
He can hear his children playing.

The greedy


Somriddho Dasgupta
AIS PV, Alumnus

O harbinger of war
A messiah of death
You break every heart

And make people fret

Such is the effect of greed
Because you want
More than you need
You get to know what's
Hidden underneath everything


The people you thought to be sweet
Actually played it pretty neat
Making siblings hate each other
Making religion their excuse
To heed to their selfish greed.




CAMERA CAPERS


Eshika Goyal, AIS Noida, X

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Disneyland Castle, Disneyland, Hong Kong



Fisherman's Wharf, Macau



Ruins of St Paul Cathedral, London

The best gift

Short Story



I turned around to find a girl of my age, gazing at my dress and caressing it, as if bound by a spell.

tives joined us for my birthday celebrations. As soon as the party got over, I ran to open all my gifts. There were toys and games and shoes, almost everything I wanted. I was thrilled at first, but suddenly an image took over my mind - the staring eyes of the poor girl. And the shiny gift boxes started to look dull. I ran off to sleep, only to toss and turn throughout the night.

In the morning, I insisted my parents to take me to the girl, and when I met her, I did something unexpected. With a heavy heart, I gave her my dream dress. Her **ecstasy** turned into tears, as she swirled with the dress in her hand. She gifted me a few coloured pebbles in return. I still have those pebbles in my aquarium, and her overjoyed face in my mind - my best birthday gift ever.🇧🇩

So what did you learn today?

A new word: Ecstasy

Meaning: An overwhelming feeling of great excitement

Illustration: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

I began my day by wearing my princess dress; I happily flaunted it around the house and the nearby temple we went to. On our way back, we stopped to distribute sweets and fruits to the needy. Suddenly I felt a pull on my dress. I turned around to find a girl of my age, gazing at my new dress and caressing it, as if bound by a spell. I hated her for this and asked her to move back. She ran away and hid behind a tree, only to stare at my dress again, uninterruptedly. Nevertheless, we came back and got busy with the party preparations. In the evening, all our friends and rela-



Rawa toast

Panini Rao

AIS Noida, III

Ingredients

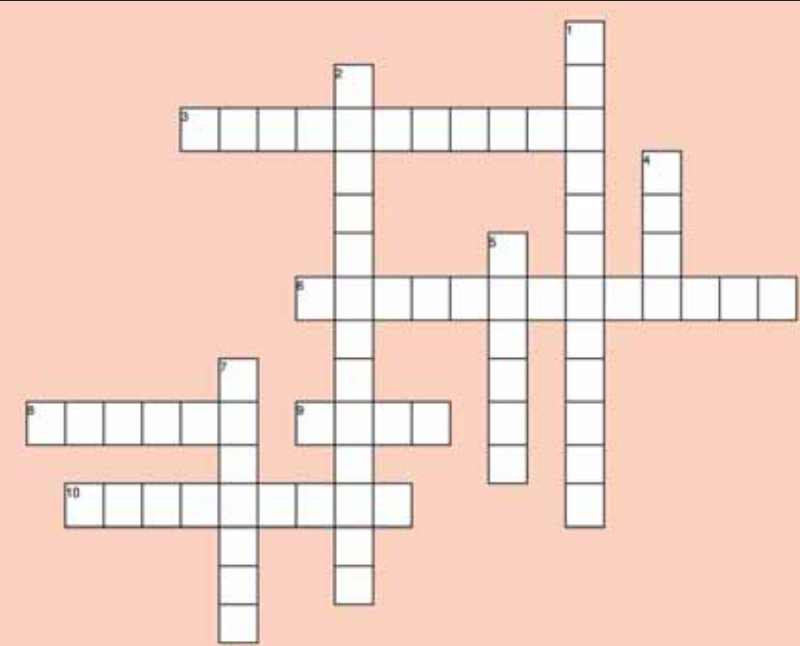
Semolina (*rawa*)1 cup
Fresh cream1 cup
Carrot (diced)1
Capsicum (diced)1
Red bell pepper (diced)1
Yellow bell pepper (diced)1
Onion (chopped finely)1
Brown bread.....4-5 slices
Oil.....to fry
Oregano.....to garnish
Chili flakesto garnish
Salt.....to taste

Method

- Take a cup full of *rawa*.
- Add fresh cream, all the diced vegetables and salt. Mix well to form a thick batter.
- Spread the *rawa* batter evenly on the bread slices.
- Heat a non-stick pan and grease it with oil.
- Place the bread slices on the non-stick pan.
- Cook the slices on both the sides till the vegetables turn golden brown.
- Garnish with oregano and chili flakes.
- Serve hot with ketchup.

Crossword

Naman Gupta
AIS Vas 1, VII C



- Across
3. National animal of India
6. National animal of Zimbabwe
8. Largest tropical rain forest in the world
9. Largest desert, also called the Great Indian Desert
10. National reptile of India
- Down
1. People who find pleasure in observing and documenting birds
2. National animal of Azerbaijan
4. National animal of Spain
5. National animal of Brazil
7. National animal of Scotland

Answer: Down - 1. Birdwatchers 2. Karabakh Horse 4. Bull 5. Jaguar 7. Unicorn Across - 3. Bengal Tiger 6. Amazone 8. King Cobra

Poem

Everyday

Vinayak Seth, AIS MV, V

You get up in the morning
Happy and gay
Welcome the morning sun
And wish everyone a ‘Good Day’

Going to school
Playing with friends
Dancing and singing with joy
You’re right, the fun never ends

Coming back home
Tired yet excited
A match in the playground
Makes me even more delighted



“Time for some homework,” Mom says
And you are left with no choice
So don’t make that face
Do it quickly and then rejoice

As the sun goes down
There’s no need to frown
For you will get another day
To be happy and gay!🇧🇩

Painting Corner

Aryaman Garg
AIS Vas 1, V



It's Me

My name: Shaurya Anandani
My birthday: September 5
My Class: KG
My school: AIS Noida



I like: Playing cricket
I dislike: Waking up early in the morning
My role model: My parents
My best friend: My father
My hobbies: Colouring and playing
My favourite food: Pasta and *palak paneer*
My favourite poem: Out in the garden
My favourite teacher: Pallavi ma’am
My favourite games: Cricket and football
My favourite book: Panchatantra
My favourite mall: Select City Walk
I want to be: A doctor
I want to feature in GT because: I want to be famous in school



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‘Top’ honours



A felicitation ceremony was organised to laud the efforts of the top achievers in CBSE Class XII Board Examinations, 2015-16



Meritorious students of Class XII awarded by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan and esteemed dignitaries at the event

Amity has always clinched the top spots in the CBSE Class XII Board Exam results and the year 2015-16 was no different. The academic session gone by, saw over 200 students from different branches of Amity secure a perfect 100 and a commendable 99 in various subjects. To applaud the efforts of the achievers, a felicitation ceremony was organised in Amity University, Noida on June 4, 2016. The occasion was graced by the presence of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, along with chief guest, Dr Mukesh Kumar, director, CEFIPRA. Dr Rajiv Sharma, head, technology & mission division, DST, govt of India,

was guest of honour on the occasion. Also present were parents of the meritorious students. The event commenced with the lighting of the lamp along with an invocation by students of Amitasha, Amity’s wing for the less privileged girl child. A detailed result analysis of Amity Group of Schools was presented by BN Bajpai, advisor, Amity Group of Schools. He highlighted that the success graph of Amitians has only gone up. He explained the detailed methodology adopted to ensure successful results. Parents expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Amity for shaping their child into a success story. Dr Mukesh Kumar congratulated the students for their stupendous results and emphasised the importance

Pic: Deepak Sharma, GT Network of knowledge beyond textbooks. Dr Rajiv Sharma said, “Marks are not ordinary numbers, but numbers that lay the foundation for future years.” Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan congratulated the students for their phenomenal results. “Every year, our results are good, but this year has been truly remarkable for Amity. These results have been possible not just because of the efforts of the students, but also because of the school teachers and faculty who have worked hard through out the year to ensure the best results possible,” she said in her address. The programme culminated with the presentation of awards wherein the meritorious students were felicitated with trophies and certificates.  



Chairperson, school principal and guests felicitate students at the ceremony



Prized triumphs

AIS Mayur Vihar

Junior prize distribution

Under the able guidance and vision of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, AIS Mayur Vihar witnessed exponential growth in the academic session 2015-16. To celebrate their growth, the school hosted the annual prize distribution for Classes I-V on April 21, 2016. The function commenced with the lighting of the lamp amidst chanting of *shlokas* to invoke the blessings of the Almighty. The achievers were then felicitated for their incredible performance, hence, motivating them to set new benchmarks for themselves. School principal Dr Priyanka Mehta thanked the parents for their support and lauded the children. The ceremony ended with the school song followed by the national anthem.

Senior prize distribution

Amity International School, Mayur Vihar held their senior annual prize distribution on April 18, 2016. The event was spread over two sessions. The chief guests for the occasion were Ratnesh Gupta, director, Bureau of Legislative Studies and Sanjeev K Joshi, scientist & additional director, Missiles, DRDO, in the first session and OEM Menon, air vice marshal, in the second session. The event was graced by the presence of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, who encouraged the students to work harder and surpass their own achievements. She quoted a few lines from a famous poem written by Harivansh Rai Bachchan to uplift the spirit of the students and motivate them to never give up, rather work hard to achieve success. The event culminated with a thank you note by the school principal.  





Students of AIS Pushp Vihar awarded at the annual prize distribution

Felicitating the achievers

AIS Pushp Vihar

The notable luminaries of Amity, Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe and Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF have always envisioned winners setting their own benchmarks. AIS PV was privileged to acknowledge its trailblazers on the annual prize distribution ceremony for Classes KG – V on May 11, 2016 and for Classes VI-XI on May 12, 2016, held in the school premises. The junior prize distribution saw the presence of chief guest Naveen Dang, director, Dr Dangs Lab Pvt Ltd, and Chetna Singh, presently on deputation with the Delhi Legal Services Authority. The event commenced with the lamp lighting ceremony followed by a play on Walt Disney. Another performance on Bhagat Singh mesmerised the audience.

The senior prize distribution ceremony was graced by chief guest Monika Saroha, presently on deputation with the Delhi State Legal Services Authority; Dharmender Rana, additional secretary, Delhi Legal Services Authority and special guest, Veena Thapar, vice president of Very Special Art India, an NGO working towards helping underprivileged children learn various activities. More than 80% of the school’s students were awarded merit based awards, a fact that amply proves the children’s mettle. After the lighting of the lamp, the audience was greeted with a beautiful depiction of Harivansh Rai Bachchan’s iconic poem, ‘Koshish karne walon ki kabhi haar nai hoti’. Both the events saw the dignitaries applauding the achievers. The pride of the parents was clearly reflected in their radiant smiles. The ceremony concluded with the school song followed by national anthem.  

Olympiad omniscience

The International Olympiad saw the math and science enthusiasts from across the world sharing, gaining and felicitating knowledge



Participants from Afghanistan, Nepal and Kazakhstan awarded by Chairperson

AICE & ACSO

Anwesha Majumdar, GT Network

Keeping in view the vision of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, that knowledge and learning have no boundaries, the 5th Amity International Olympiad for Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry & Biology was organised. The event, held from May 30 – June 4, 2016 at AUUP, was organised by Amity Centre for Science Olympiads (ACSO) under the aegis of Amity Institute for Competitive Examinations (AICE). 249 students from Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Laos and India participated in the international Olympiad.

Highlights



- Address by eminent educationists
- State of the art facilities for students
- A trip to historical places in Delhi and Agra was organised for the students.

Set the ball rolling

The 5th Amity International Olympiad 2016 was declared open by Chairperson during the inaugural ceremony on May 30, 2016. Saraswati *vandana* and recital of Gayatri mantra by students of Amitasha, Amity’s wing for the less privileged girl child, set the ball rolling. It was followed by lamp lighting by Chairperson and Meenakshi Rawal, director, AICE along with other esteemed dignitaries. The participants marched in with

Pic: Deepak Sharma, GT Network glory, dressed in their traditional attires, holding their flags high.

The closing note

When the journey is so beautiful, it ought to end on a gleeful note. The valedictory ceremony saw the felicitation of the participating countries by Chairperson. A presentation on ‘Geometry and imagination’ by Prof Dinesh Singh, director, Mathematical Science Foundation, further ignited the intelligent minds to develop scientific and mathematical skills. The winners were then felicitated with trophies and certificates. Chairperson lauded the participants and expressed how proud she was to see the acumen of the students. The event concluded with a cultural bonanza and dinner for the guests and participants.  

There are only about 34,000 lions left in Africa, which is about half the number that existed 30 years ago.

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Lion King

When food went berserk!

Illustration: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

A teaming cup of coffee? Or a chilled Pepsi to quench your thirst? Well, there are weird people in the world who are clubbing the two

Poorvi Kar, AIS Gur 46, XI

In a world full of bizarre things, why should 'food' be left behind and conform to regular norms and decorum? Here's a list of the ten most bizarre flavours around the world that we challenge you to try because Pizzas and burgers are too mainstream. Disclaimer: We take no responsibility if it leaves you feeling dizzy by the end of the day. Eat at your own risk and risk taking ability.

Jalapeno Ice Cream

Now this the perfect example of irony. A cool ice cream that will leave you sweating by the time you finish your last bite!

Mountain Dew Cheetos

Are you out of drinks? You need not worry because this packet of crisps brings to you Cheetos flavoured with mountain dew to make for a midnight snack. Beware, for nightmares may follow.

Garlic Drink

This refreshing drink from South Korea is perfect when you have to put up with a person you despise. Also available in onion flavour to ruin their day.



Pizzaggetti Slushy

Do you want us to carry a knife and a fork or a straw to try this one out? That is, if we do decide to try it out.

Seaweed Donuts

Pork and seaweed donuts - the very mention of this flavour of donuts is enough to bring a frown on one's face. Although it's perfect if you feel like having seafood as well as a dessert for lunch.

Minty Bites

Bacon mint? Someone find the mad scientist and explain to him that mints are not meals. We need mints my friend, bacon can wait.

Cappuccino Pepsi

A hot cappuccino for the chilly winter mornings and iced Pepsi for the summers. But seriously - both teamed up together? Let's not make our day disastrous.

Spaghetti Popsicle

Everyone is more excited for dessert than dinner. But in Japan, you can have them both together! Spaghetti covered with ice on a stick is definitely the outcome of a not-sorry attitude!

Juice & Toothpaste Lays

Did you run out of toothpaste? A single pack of Orange Juice & Toothpaste Lays should be enough to compensate for brushing for one day. Thank goodness, this ridiculous flavour was rejected soon after it made its entry in the Lays 'Do us a flavour' challenge! 🇮🇳

From high heels to Kolhapuris

We bring to you the best of both worlds. **Harshita Nagpal & Nalini Gupta, AIS Gur 43, XII A** dance their way through a shopping spree because *Sarojini ke kapde pehen ke jaati hain madam disco...*

Trial Rooms

Malls: Clicking selfies *check* Trying on out of budget clothes *check* NEW DP *CHECK*

Flea markets: The world is your stage? Nope. The world is your trial room.

Bargain

Malls: We all know how bargaining works in malls, it doesn't. You just can't whisper "Bhaiya thode saste mein dedo" while standing in front of a queue of ten people for billing, that's just so LS!

Flea markets: "150 main dena hai toh do warna rehne do" is our favourite one-liner when playing hard to get that apparel while bargaining. Our dream of buying 27 dresses can even come true because

here 'FIXED PRICE' has no meaning, whatsoever.

Customer Care

Malls: It's all about buying, exchanging, returning your clothes because shopping isn't just buying, it's a LIFESTYLE.

Flea markets: The number you're trying to dial does not exist. (And never will.)

Quantity

Malls: Clips, earrings, socks, a T-shirt, a dress on 60% off. And of course, an angry mom to top it all!

Flea markets: Five scarves, four identical looking aztec print tops, three dresses and two bags. Still money left for pizza, yippee!

Quality

Malls: Tailored to perfection, you'll want to wear these super expensive clothes everywhere. We wear it for years, pass it on to our siblings until it becomes our family's inheritance. But when your coloured jeans goes out of trend, you might regret buying it in the first place.

Flea markets: Is it Vero Moda? Is it ZARA? Sshh.. Sarojini it is. You might just get your favourite high end brand's clothes at a steal! As someone rightly said, "Apna luck pehen ke chalo!" 🇮🇳

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Abhay Malik, AIS PV, VIII B, poses with his copy of The Global Times at The Swiss Chocolate Adventure theme park at Lucerne, Switzerland. It is a theme park where visitors with sweet tooth can come and learn interesting facts about the discovery, production and transport of chocolate. One can taste and smell as one learns about chocolates and its origin and mass production. Opened on June 18, 2014, this unique park is a collaboration between Lindt Chocolate Competence Foundation and Swiss Museum of Transport.

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