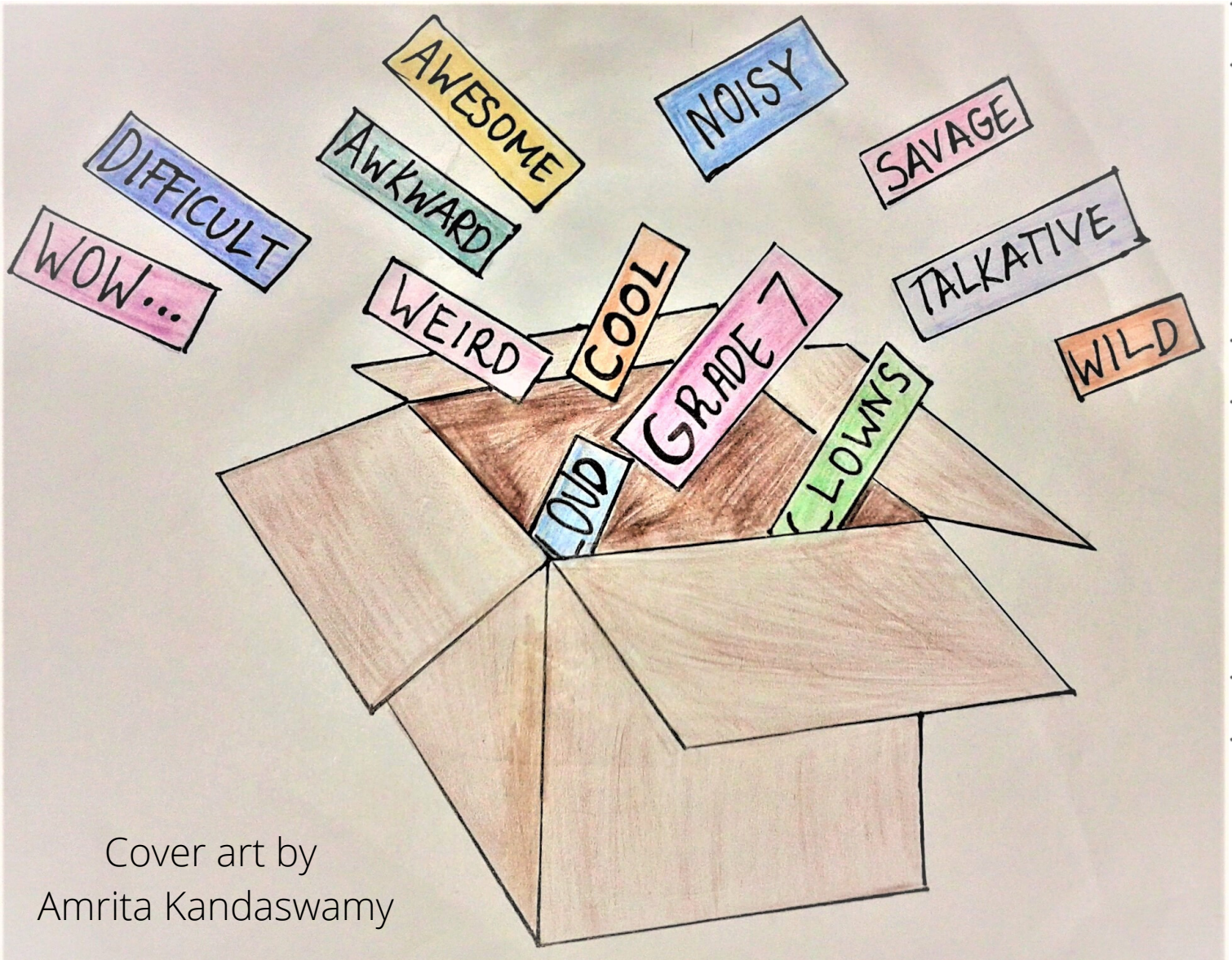


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Dear reader,

What's up? Most people don't read the editor's note, but if you're reading it, hooray! This is infused with happiness and good vibes. Moving on, this note is to tell you about our newspaper.

My grade started writing this newspaper as a project for our chapters, Reading Newspapers 1 and 2. We were assigned topics, given choices, got designated roles and all the lot.

We had an interesting experience doing this project. We had big ups and low downs. Most of us had very little experience writing articles and general journalism. So we had to start from scratch. Now, all of us can write at least a properly structured article if not a good one. Progress huh?

After learning to write articles, we went and wrote our 1st drafts. Most of us had to write 2 drafts as our 1st was inadequate. Only one of us, surprise-surprise, Vibha didn't have to write another draft.

This magazine has a variety of articles: from an experiential-opinion article on football to a profound article on CAA (Citizenship Amendment Act) to a deep article on pollution. If you are looking for a magazine with different types of articles, let me tell you my reader, you have come to the right place. These articles are unique and thought provoking, so I hope you enjoy reading the magazine.

If you're reading this part, give yourself a cookie. And for this accomplishment your day will get 75% better. I hope this has not given you a headache (sorry if it has).

Ananya Pabbisetty
(Head Editor)





Dear Grade 7,

We all know how important facts are. We discuss about facts, opinions and perspectives almost every day. Nothing is 'truth' anymore. It's just another perspective on the same story. Although some contemporary scholars, lost in the labyrinth of nomenclature, decided to call our times as post-truth era, we all know that the conflict between objective truth and personal truths is an age old one. And I'm happy that the spirit of this conflict dwells in our class too.

Specifically for us, living in the age of social media, we often get washed over by endless rush of stories that masquerade as the objective truth. We can no longer depend on news corporations and politicians to deliver information that is untainted by personal or political agenda. Hence, it is crucial that we train ourselves to identify the fine line that runs between a fact and an agenda.

Working on this magazine has been challenging not just for you, but for me as well. I have learnt a lot from the class and each one of you has been truly inspiring. I'm proud that I got to work alongside you all on this writing journey and I hope you enjoyed this process too.

Congratulations, Grade 7! We have moved mountains.

*Best wishes,
Anu Vensila*





VIBHA V

Religious festivals: In favour of the environment, or not?



Diwali, also known as Deepavali, is the Hindu festival of light and sound. It is also a major time for friends and families to get together, exchange gifts, and eat lots of traditional sweets and savouries. Sadly, this festival is known to cause severe air and soil pollution.

We started bursting crackers during Diwali only after gunpowder was first imported from China. In the past, when Diwali was first celebrated, lamps were used to light the houses. The festival was celebrated after monsoon, at the time when insects like mosquitoes, and bugs were very common. The smoke from lamps was used to drive away these insects. Soon after the invention of gunpowder became known to Indians, Diwali was celebrated as a mix of the two original principles: smoke and light. Therefore, the bursting of crackers became the main part of the festival.

On the day of Diwali in the year 2019, Delhi, one of the most polluted cities in India, had almost 10 times more than the 'average' amount of pollution known globally.

Diwali is also known to cause soil pollution. The chemicals present in the crackers mix with the soil, changing it chemically. Plants, trees, and small animals that live underground have been affected badly. Plant and trees also take in the chemicals present in the soil. This may cause deficiencies, and perhaps, eventually, death. Animals may eat these infected plants and fall ill. Because there is not much rain at this time, the pollutants cannot get washed away.

Another well-known festival to cause soil pollution is Holi. The aim of the festival is to get the city colourful. This is fulfilled by people of all ages as they throw colours on each other. When the chemicals in the colours combine with the soil, it can be fatal to all forms of life.

Holi also leads to water pollution. The chemicals mix in the water bodies closest to the area of celebration. The chemicals are then taken in by all organisms, in different ways. Fish, and other water dwelling creatures that live in the polluted water and can get infected. Other life forms may drink the water directly or eat a creature that is infected by it.

Festivals are a joyous time for celebrations. They provide happiness, fun, and an opportunity to get together with family and friends. But how eco-friendly are they?



Water pollution is also caused by the festivities of Ganesh Chaturthi. This festival marks the birth of Lord Ganesh and lasts from 1 to 11 days, depending on the place.

The dissolution of clay idols in water on the last day is one of the main rituals in this festival. In the past, the idols used to be made up of only clay, but recently, the idols have been painted to look more attractive. This paint poses a huge problem. The clay idols were easily dissoluble and didn't change the water chemically. The paint on the idols, however, is not dissoluble and could change the water chemically, creating lots of health problems for many living organisms.

These are only a few problems caused by religious festivals. However, these are also the kind of problems that we can solve by ourselves, if only all of us are willing to work towards the protection of the environment.





SANJEEVARAMAN J T

What is Swachh Bharat?

As PM Narendra Modi says about Swachh Bharat, "India can do it. People of India can do it."



Source: culturalindia.net

One of the most popular and important missions in India's history is Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. This campaign was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 2, 2014 to honour the Vision of a Clean Country by Mahatma Gandhi.

The Swachh Bharat Abhiyan's main objective is to disseminate awareness of cleanliness and its importance. It aims to provide every person in India with basic sanitation facilities such as public toilets, solid and liquid waste disposal systems, and clean drinking water.

The action plan for the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is to be carried out by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation. Open Defecation Free (ODF) India is the most important aim of this campaign, and it is headed by our PM Narendra Modi.

The campaign is divided into two parts, urban and rural. The objective of separating it into two parts is that each of these areas experience different issues and challenges.

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Source: desipainters.com



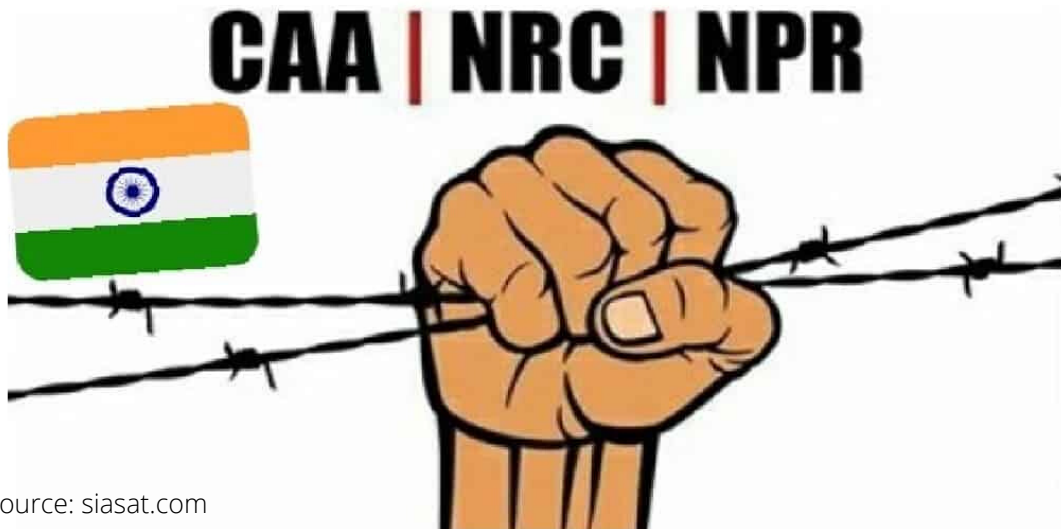
Source: The News Minute



MEGHANA SUDEESH

What does the Citizenship Amendment Act mean for India?

The CAA has created quite a big impact on the country ever since it was launched by Amit Shah, Minister of Home Affairs.



Source: siasat.com

Ever since CAB (Citizenship Amendment Bill) became a law, it has created quite a stir. Protests are growing day by day, petitions are being signed, reports of violence are increasing, and as days go by, social media is flooding with more news and rumors about every action regarding the CAA. It is not only the citizens who have opinions on this as many Ministers are also sharing their views out loud. And this is just the beginning.



Source: siasat.com



Source: Business Today

What does the Citizenship Amendment Act mean for India?

The CAA makes it easier for Non-Muslim immigrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh & Afghanistan to get an Indian citizenship. To get a citizenship you must either be born in India or must have lived in India for 11 years; however, for people who were forced to seek shelter in India, they can get the citizenship five years earlier through this act. Although the law doesn't state clearly, this applies to Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis, Jains, and Christians facing ill-treatment in any of the three countries mentioned earlier to request an Indian citizenship, evidently excluding Muslims.

The CAB had passed the Lok Sabha after a seven-hour-long debate. It had passed with 334-106 votes. The bill then passed the Rajya Sabha with 125-105 votes, making it an official law.

NRC (National Register of Citizens) was first implemented in Assam where it targeted illegal migrants. A person has to prove that either they or their ancestors were in Assam on or before March 24, 1971. It was only maintained for the state of Assam until recently Minister Amit Shah declared during a parliamentary session that the register would be extended for the whole country. After the final updated NRC was released, it excluded the names of over 19 lakh applicants, including Hindus. Now, the CAA will guarantee that they are not harmed. But unlike CAA, NRC was not based on religion.



Source: Dreamstime.com



Since CAA affects a large part of Assam, the protests come from the fear of change in cultural and linguistic identities. However, that's not the only reason for the protests. The CAA clearly alienates Muslims, as their religion has not been included for attaining citizenship as per this law.



"I have a challenge for all those opposing the law—Tell the people of the country openly that we would welcome all the Muslims from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh to India"- Amit Shah



Why are the protests happening?



Source: deccanherald.com

Among all the states in Northeast, the most outrage against both CAA and NRC has been from Assam. Since CAA affects a large part of Assam, the protests come from the fear of change in cultural and linguistic identities and demography.

However, that's not the only reason for the protests. The CAA clearly alienates Muslims as their religions has not been included for attaining citizenship as per this law. Students from many universities such as Jamia Millia Islamia and Delhi University have been protesting severely amid the heavy police arrangement.



Amit Shah. Source: The Sunday Guardian

While speaking at an Economic Times event, Amit Shah had challenged those who are opposing the law. He said, "Can the Congress say that all the Muslims from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh should be given citizenship here? Let Sonia Gandhi make such a statement tomorrow and see... I have a challenge for all those opposing the law—Tell the people of the country openly that we would welcome all the Muslims from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh to India. Let them say this! And if they can't say so, they should stop opposing the law."

Source: Hindustan Times



CITIZENSHIP AMENDMENT ACT 2019

What is happening in the protests?

Source: ddnews.gov.in

The protests started off peacefully and harmless. Until recently, not many reports and news of violence were mentioned. The most recent news talks about the violence getting out of hand in Mangalore. There was said to be a mob of 7,000 people who attacked the police, hence forcing them to open fire. The news did not stop there, as there were reports of two people losing their lives because of all the violence. It was confirmed that one of them was shot.

However, Assam has a different story. Film stars, celebrities, students, and common people cutting across religions assembled in thousands to protest against CAA & NRC. Among the thousands of protesters were a group of students sitting in the front. Some of them were only 14 and 15.

"Internet ban has not stopped us from coming here. We expect around 2000 students from schools to come here. If the internet was working, the numbers would be much more," said Sandeep Singh, a 14-year-old class 9 student, according to India Today.

The protests are growing day-by-day, some violent and some peaceful, either way, this is just creating a division between us. This has put a barrier in our economy, slowing it down. The problem here is not between different religious groups. The problem is between citizens and their government. It may turn into a bigger problem if we don't find a solution.



Source: firstpost.com



Source: The Economic Times



ANANYA PABBISETTY

Who are the transrodni? (Transgender)

When the AAIS community (the TSS campus) was asked on their perspectives on transgender, each one had a different response.

Alex Fierro, a transgender and gender fluid fictional character from Magnus Chase, was kicked out of her house when she was just a 10-year-old. Alex was born male but usually identifies as female. But sometimes Alex prefers the pronouns 'he' and 'him'. Yet, she was kicked out and shunned by her own family. Alex's only solace was a pottery club. She lived and survived on the streets until she died and attained Valhalla.



Alex Fierro. Source: riordan.fandom.com

Although Fierro's story is fictional, real-life for trans-people is a thousand times worse. "Many of them have no jobs, even if they are completely literate and are eligible for the job," comments Meena, a Grade 9 student from AAIS, West Mambalam. Some of them turn to jobs no one wants. "It's like playing hide-and-seek from the society because they are not accepted," said Diana, a teacher in the same school.

In India many trans-women go out blessing people on the streets. It is because in the Hindu mythology it is believed that Lord Shiva has an avatar that is a fusion of Lord Shiva and his wife, the goddess Parvathy. It is considered good luck to be blessed by trans-women as they are considered to be the manifestation of Lord Shiva's Ardhanarishvara form. Yet the trans-women do this only for the money, as they are not given any proper jobs.



Transgender symbol

"It's like playing hide-and-seek from the society because they are not accepted"

After years of battling with the society for their identities, transgenders are slowly being accepted. But we still have a long way to go. Hey, something is better than nothing! You can see them shopping, attending public meetings, working for organizations and doing a lot of 'normal' activities. They might even be your best friend!

Opinions are changing. People are changing. Rules are changing. And they are changing for the better. When asked about their opinions on transgenders, a myriad answers were given. "It's a person's perspective," Thulika of Grade 6 opined. "We have no say in it," Ahmed of Grade 11 commented. However, the best response was "Am I supposed to have an opinion?" as Nithya of Grade 8 said. By having opinions, we sometimes overlook the fact that trans-people are also just like us. We don't have opinions on hetero-normative people, do we?"



Ardhanarishvara. Source: beyondthebinary.co.uk



Transgender Pride Flag

Transgenders have been a part of the world for a long time and many cultures have specific terms for them: the Hijras of India (they were accepted before the British came along and changed our views), the Kathoey of Thailand (although it loosely translates to 'ladyboy,' it is not a common term used in Thailand) and the Fafafini of the Samoan culture.



Source: npr.org

Trans-phobia is just as bad as sexism or racism. We cannot just denounce their bravery by saying they do not exist or should not exist.



Source: The Economist

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Hijras. Source: theculturetrip.com

When you walk on the road you might see a dog and go 'who's a good boy' and when the owner says 'it's a she' we instantly switch pronouns. It's just the same with humans. When a to-be mom is asked if she wants a female or male child, on an average, she says she just wants a healthy baby. But when Jessica feels more comfortable as Jackson, the poor human is thrown out of home in most cases.

Gender changing should not be condemned. Slowly people are coming out. Trans-phobia is just as bad as sexism or racism. We cannot just denounce their bravery by saying they do not exist or should not exist.

Footnotes

- Alex Fierro is a fictional character who features in Rick Riordan's 'Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard' series
- A genderfluid is a person who feels as a male, female, or non-binary human at any given point of time
- Valhalla is after-life for Odin's chosen warriors in Norse mythology
- Asgard is the realm of the gods in Norse mythology



Source: ideas.ted.com



SIVA SRUTHI S.K

BTS and the story of success

Bangtan Sonyeondan is a famous Korean boy band

Raise to stardom

Bangtan Sonyeondan (BTS) is a Korean-pop band that has 7 members. It was created through auditions by Big Hit Entertainment in 2010. They staged their first performance in 2013. Big Hit Entertainment was a company that didn't have much support; although they were able to support BTS, they lacked the power to popularise the band in the music industry.

Since Big Hit Entertainment was not famous, BTS had to release all their songs through the Youtube channel '1thek,' a channel that supports new bands. During the time when BTS did their first concert, they had very few fans, like 300-350.

In the year 2019, Big Hit Entertainment's own Youtube channel become popular. It now has 30.6 million subscribers. Due to their raising popularity, BTS performed two shows in the Wembley Stadium during their Love Yourself: Speak Yourself tour. For one of the shows, all the tickets were sold in 90 minutes. The concert was attended by 120,000 fans (ARMYS). In the same tour, BTS also performed a show at the Rose Bowl Stadium. They had a house full at Rose Bowl Stadium too! Truly BTS is a band that struggled a lot to become popular.

Why do I like BTS?

Two things that make BTS unique is their dance, which has a sync with lyrics, and their lyrics which is very motivational. One thing that is common with all of BTS's songs is that they convey the message of loving yourself. The focus is always on youth life, and how to make our life happy.



BTS. Sources: en.wikipedia.org, twitter.com




 BTS WORLD TOUR
LOVE YOURSELF
 → SPEAK YOURSELF ♥



BTS at Wembley Stadium. Source: channels.vlive.tv



VAISHNAVI VENKATESH

Wonder: A book that tells you to have confidence in yourself

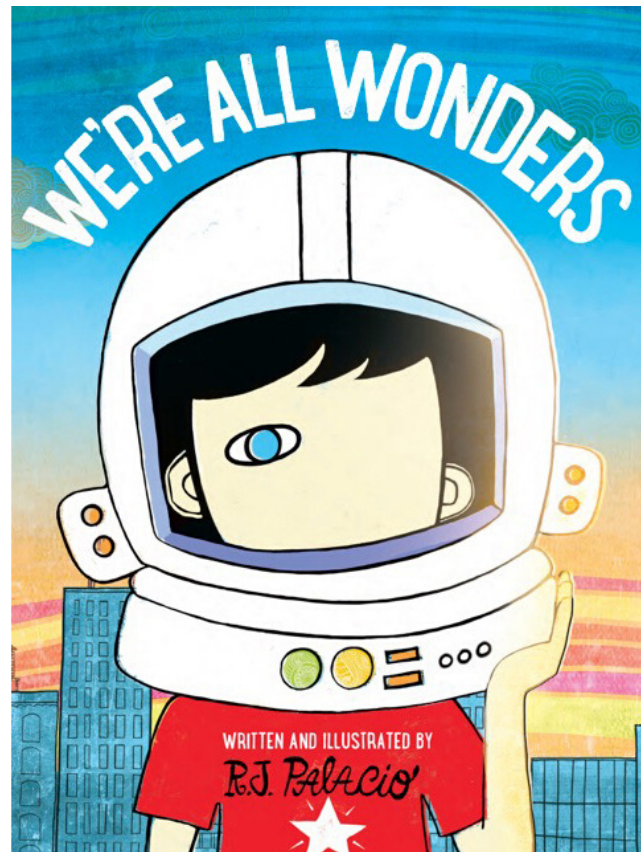


Published: 14 February 2012
Author –R.J Palacio
Genre: Children's literature
Rating: 3/5

Wonder is the story of a family and a classroom. It is about 11-year-old Auggie Pullman who has an unusual face. He has a hard time in school because he is a new student. His parents had home-schooled him till then because they were worried about how he would feel in school.

I like this book because this is one of the most famous books that tell you to have confidence in yourself. "I don't care what others think of me, I know who I am" is one of the main storylines. For people who face problems in school like bullying, this book will tell you how to manage and ignore the person/people who are bullying you. This book is best for middle schoolers and students of the ages 12-16.

I recommend people to read this book because people have been bullied and they have a hard time figuring out how to stop it. Wonder gives you hope that you can find a way out of it and make friends. This book has also been made into a film.



Source: publishersweekly.com



Source: writeabout.com



AMRITA KANDASWAMY

A small visit to 'Thalappakatti'

Dindigul Thalappakatti is a famous restaurant with branches all over Chennai, so why not take a visit?



Mutton biriyani. Source: thalappakatti.com

As I walked into the restaurant, the ambience of the place was really good. I felt the blend of modern and ancient. A picture of Mr.Nagasamy Naidu, the founder, was on the right side of the wall. They even had a small sweet shop inside.

Mr.Nagasamy Naidu found the restaurant under the name Anandha Vilas Biriyani Hotel in Dindigul. He always wore a turban called THALAPA (a traditional head dress) which over the years became eponymous with his brand and cooking style.

I found an empty table, and sat there. I looked through the menu. I ordered a mutton soup, chicken tikka, fish fingers and then a mutton biriyani.



Nagasamy Naidu. Source: thalappakatti.com



Source: wirally.com



Aatukal soup. Source: thalappakatti.com

When they got the soup, and placed it on my food mat, my mouth started to water. I smelled the soup, and it wasn't bad. When I drank the soup, I was amazed. I didn't expect it to be extremely good. The pepper, the salt, the mutton was very delicious. It was well served.

Next, we had the chicken tikka. It looked so tempting. When I touched it, the Chicken wasn't hot. That was very disappointing. Instead, it was warm, which made the chicken taste really odd. I wasn't happy at all. We asked them to give us hot chicken, so they took the warm ones away, and gave us hot ones which were really good. The chicken was quite tender on the inside. It was satisfactory.

Right when I finished eating the chicken tikka, the fish fingers arrived. The smell was very pleasant. It was very crispy and hot when I took a bite of it.

Finally, the mutton biriyani arrived. It had a rich aroma. I took my spoon and served myself some biriyani. I wouldn't say that it's the best, but it was good. The mutton was really nice and tender.

I asked a few customers on what they think about this restaurant. One of the customers said, "The food is satisfactory. Definitely, I will come here more often to eat."

I do not disagree with the customer. Overall, I was satisfied and my stomach was full with all the food that I ate there. I had a good time at this restaurant. I definitely will be coming here again. Thank you, Dindigul Thalappakatti.

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Chicken tikka. Source: glebekitchen.com



HARSHIETH R

Game Review: *Last of Us*



Source: polygon.com

Last of Us is a zombie apocalypse game in which only one percent of humans are alive. Joel and Ellie are two of the survivors. They both have lost their families. Joel is 33 and Ellie is 15-years-old. In this world there are four types of zombies. The basic stage of zombie invasion is runners, then we have stalkers and clickers, and the last stage is bloaters. Ellie is the only one who still survives the zombie bite due to her immunity, and the other survivors are aware of it.

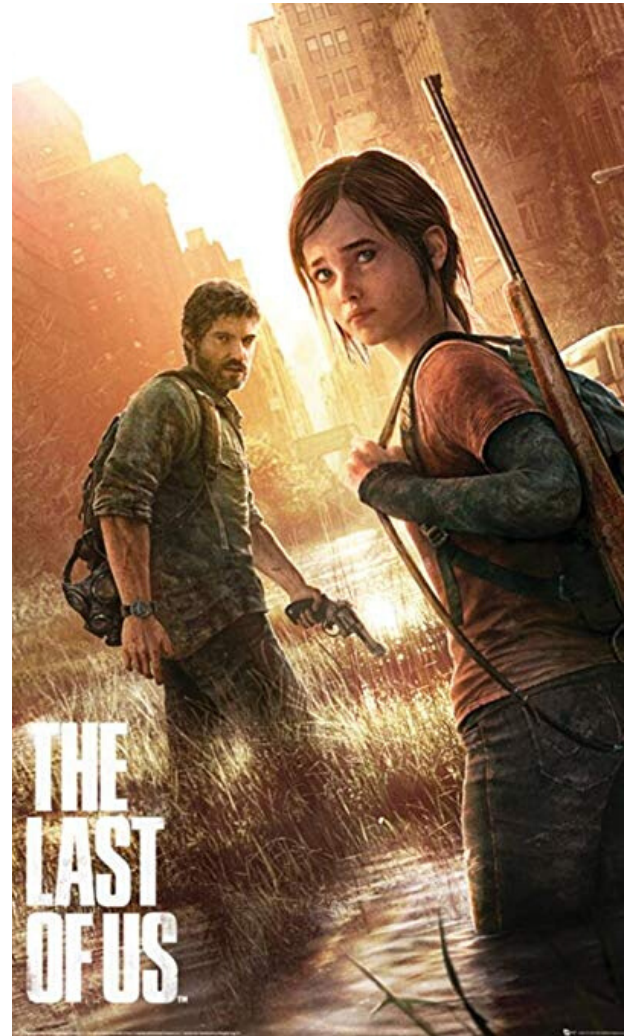
This game has very interesting characters. Ellie had lost her birth-father and Joel had lost his daughter. However, Joel and Ellie are close to each other like father and daughter. The game takes 16 hours to finish, but it feels like it gets over quickly and the climax is the main part. This game is so unique that no other game has come up with the same concept. If you get *Last of Us*, I am sure that you'll like it.



Source: The Guardian

Game: *Last of Us*
Genre: Adventure & simulation
Released: April, 2012
Rating: 5/5

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Source: en.wikipedia.org



Runner

Stalker

Clicker

Bloater

Source: rdavies11.wordpress.com



THEJESHWARAN M

Review of ICC Cricket World Cup

World Cups are organized by the International Cricket Council. Let's start our journey, learning about them...



Source: sportzcrazy.com

1. 1975- First World Cup at England

England and New Zealand qualified for the semifinals from Group A. West Indies and Australia qualified for the semifinals from Group B.

New Zealand lost to West Indies by 5 wickets. England lost to Australia by 4 wickets. Then, West Indies won by 17 runs in the grand finals.

2. 1979- Second World Cup at England

England and Pakistan qualified for the semifinals from Group A. West Indies and New Zealand qualified for semifinals from Group B.

England won in the first semifinal against New Zealand by 9 runs. West Indies won its semifinal against Pakistan by 43 runs. West Indies won its 2nd World Cup in a row by defeating England by 92 runs.

3. 1983- Third World Cup at England

Again, England and Pakistan qualified for semifinals from Group A. From Group B India and West Indies qualified.

India and West Indies went to the finals. India won in the final by downing the mighty West Indies by 43 runs and became World Champions.

4. 1987- Fourth World Cup at India and Pakistan

India and Australia qualified from Group A. England and Pakistan qualified from Group B for semifinals.

In the semis, Australia won by 18 runs against Pakistan. There was another India-England encounter in which India lost by 35 runs. In the finals, Australia won its 1st title after defeating England by 7 runs.

5. 1992- Fifth World Cup at New Zealand and Australia

New Zealand lost to Pakistan by 4 wickets in the semi-final, and England beat South Africa by 19 runs.

In the finals, Pakistan beat England by 22 runs to become World Champions. This is England's 3rd defeat in the finals.



International cricket teams logo. Source: logolynx.com

6. 1996- Sixth World Cup at India and Pakistan

In this world cup tournament, quarter-finals was introduced because the number of teams increased from 9 to 12.

In the quarters, Sri Lanka won by 5 wickets. India beat Pakistan by 39 runs. South Africa lost to West Indies by 19 runs. Australia cruised into the semis by 6 wickets victory over New Zealand.

In the semis, Sri Lanka won against India and Australia won by 5 runs over West Indies.

In the finals, Sri Lanka won by 7 wickets and became World Champions.

7. 1999- Seventh World Cup at England and Wales

In this world cup tournament, Super Six was introduced. Pakistan, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, Zimbabwe and India were qualified for the Super Six.

In the semi-finals, Pakistan beat New Zealand by 9 wickets and in the other semi-final, it was a tie between Australia and South Africa. Since Australia finished higher than South Africa in the Super Six table, Australia went into the finals.

In the finals Australia won by 8 wickets against Pakistan.

8. 2003- Eighth World Cup at South Africa, Kenya and Zimbabwe

Australia, India, Kenya, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe and New Zealand qualified as the Super Six. In the Semis, Sri Lanka's hopes went down the drain with a defeat to Australia by 48 runs and Kenya lost to India by 91 runs. In the finals, Australia won by 125 runs against India.

9. 2007- Ninth World Cup at West Indies

Super Eight was introduced because there were 12 teams now. Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, England, Ireland, West Indies, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh were qualified for the Super Eights.

In the Semis, Sri Lanka won by 81 runs against New Zealand, and Australia defeated South Africa by 7 wickets.

Australia broke Sri Lankan's hearts in the finals by defeating them by 53 runs in a rain-affected match.



India- 2011 champions . Source: indiatoday.in

10. 2011- Tenth World Cup at India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka

In Semis, India won by 29 runs and Sri Lanka defeated New Zealand by 5 wickets.

In the finals, the Sri Lankan team lost to India by 6 wickets. India became the champion after 28 years.

11. 2015- Eleventh World Cup at New Zealand and Australia

From Pool A, New Zealand, Australia, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh qualified for the quarters. From Pool B, India, South Africa, Pakistan and West Indies qualified for the quarters.

In the quarters, South Africa won by 9 wickets against Sri Lanka; India won against Bangladesh by 109 runs; Australia won against Pakistan by 6 wickets; New Zealand won against West Indies by 143 runs.

In the semis, New Zealand won by 4 wickets in a rain-affected match, and Australia won against India by 95 runs.

Australia won the finals against New Zealand by 7 wickets.

12. 2019- Twelfth World Cup at England

Source: scoopskiller.com

In this tournament, the Lord's cricket stadium made history by hosting its fifth final.

India, Australia, England and New Zealand were qualified for the semi-finals. New Zealand went into the finals by defeating India by 18 runs, and England defeated Australia by 8 wickets.

In the finals, England tied with New Zealand and the game went over to the Super Over. There was a tie even in the Super Over, but England won due to boundary count in the Super Over.

Year	Winners	Runners-up	Host Nation
1975	West Indies	Australia	England
1979	West Indies	Australia	England
1983	India	West Indies	England
1987	Australia	England	India & Pakistan
1992	Pakistan	England	Australia & New Zealand
1996	Sri Lanka	Australia	Pakistan & India
1999	Australia	Pakistan	England
2003	Australia	India	South Africa
2007	Australia	Sri Lanka	West Indies
2011	India	Sri Lanka	India & Bangladesh
2015	Australia	New Zealand	Australia & New Zealand
2019	England	New Zealand	England
2023	–		India



AKASH.S

The flying shuttle: P.V Sindhu



P.V Sindhu. Source: New Indian Express

Purasala Venkata Sindhu, known as P.V. Sindhu, was born on July 5, 1995 in Hyderabad. She was born to P. Vijaya and P.V. Ramanan who were good volleyball players. The ace shuttle player first came to attention when she broke into the list of top 20 players according to the Badminton World Federation (BWF) in September 2012 at the age of 17. She first started playing badminton at the age of eight. She won her first tournament in the All India Ranking Championship in the under ten category. She won the Sub-junior Nationals in the under 13 category.

Sindhu's Achievements

In 2013, she won the first Grand Prix award by defeating the Singaporean player Gu Juan. In the same year, she was awarded the Arjuna Award. She became the first Indian to win two back-to-back medals in the BWF world badminton championship.

Sindhu became more popular in 2016. She was the first female athlete from India to win a silver medal in the Rio Olympics. She won a gold medal in the Commonwealth Games. At the Asian Games 2018 she won a silver medal in the women's singles event. On December 16, 2018 she made a world record by winning the BWF World Tour Finals.

P.V. Sindhu has inspired many youngsters of our generation to take badminton as a career.



P.V Sindhu. Source: pinterest.com



GURU MEENAKSHI SUNDARAM

A look into Pro Kabaddi League

The Pro Kabaddi League had managed to attract more Indian viewers than the FIFA World Cup, one of the world's most watched sporting events.

The Pro Kabaddi League is a professional-level kabaddi league in India. It was launched in 2014. However, it started becoming famous only from 2016 as PKL increased its T.V viewership to almost 100 million people. In 2018, according to CNBC news report, the Pro Kabaddi League had managed to attract more Indian viewers than the FIFA World Cup, one of the world's most watched sporting events.

Introduction to kabaddi

Kabaddi is an interesting game. It consists of two teams of seven players each. The teams take turns to raid and defend. The raider enters the opposite team's area and tries to touch players on the opposing team. Defenders stay within their side and prevent the raider from scoring.

Kabaddi attracts the people and they enjoy the game. There are many leagues in Kabaddi but this article is going to talk about PKL (Pro Kabaddi League).



Source: indiatvnews.com

Author's opinion corner

My favourite team is Patna Pirates because they have many well trained and record breaking players like Pardeep Narwal etc. Narwal is a great raider who scores at least 15 points in a single match.

I also like Tamil Thalaivas as they also have many well trained and record breaking players like Rahul.



Source: pinterest.com

The league consists of 12 teams:

- Bengal Warriors
- Bengaluru Bulls
- Dabang Delhi
- Gujarat Fortune Giants
- Harayana Steelers
- UP Yoddha
- Telugu Titans
- Tamil Thalaivas
- Puneri Paltan
- Patna Pirates
- Jaipur Pink Panthers
- U Mumba.



Source: sportsfirky.com



GOKUL KARTHIK S

Joy of playing football

Football is not just a game; it means life to me.



Source: livemint.com

Hi, I am Gokul. I'm one of those people who like playing football. Football is a game where we run, play, and shoot goals. Shooting goals is my favourite part. I like to win the match by shooting goals. I have like 10 football game apps in my phone on how to shoot goals.

Football is not just a game; it means life to me. It makes me feel fit, makes me run, and it helps me to do my jobs very fast. Before beginning to play football, everything used to make me feel sleepy and slow.

My inspiration for football is Messi. I want to practice and gain the skills he has. I like to watch his matches and learn what he does to win.

Many people in this world are addicted to mobile, but I'm addicted to football.



Source: 123rf.com

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Messi. Source: The New York Times



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Is anyone watching movies in theatres?

In the past we used to go to the theatre and watch movies, but nowadays we watch films at home through websites such as Netflix, Amazon Prime, YouTube and so on.

Do you prefer watching movies at the theatres or at home ?



15 Total Votes

Who doesn't love watching movies? In the past we used to go to the theatre and watch movies, but nowadays we watch films at home through websites such as Netflix, Amazon Prime, YouTube and so on.

Although cinema theatres offer the experience that consumers expect, the biggest challenge is the money. A family on an average spends Rs. 1500 each time they visit a multiplex. Releasing films on the digital platform offers easy watching experience in areas with limited access to cinema screens. It also reduces the expenses for an entire family too. Also, digital platforms are giving serious competition to cinema theatres with their high-quality original content

Illegal music downloads came first. Boot legged copies of movies in DVD format started to take films directly to homes. Pirated Indian films are found abundantly on the internet and this shows the existence of strong demand for those contents. A large number of individuals use smart phones or camcorders or even E- projects to record the films from the theatres. During the post production stages, content is now easily copied with a simple pen drive and spread across the world.

Producer Anand Pandit said in an interview, "Issues like copyright infringement, film piracy, cam cording and content leakage have led to weakening the Indian film industry."

Recalling how piracy affected his 2016 movie, filmer maker Indra Kumar said, "It was one of my most traumatic moments in my life." He termed piracy as a menace, a disease that must be treated.

With changing times we cannot avoid the shift that is happening in the society with online viewership. The best solution that can be implemented is that the filmmakers themselves upload the movies online through popular websites and earn revenue through it.

School Poll

There was a poll conducted across grades 7, 8 and 9 in our school. It shows that although students watch films at home through internet, more students prefer going to the theatres, but a few say it's better to watch it at home. Overall, the times are changing.

Do you prefer watching movies at theatres or at home ?



11 Total Votes



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Tweenagers and YouTube

Grades 6 to 9 participated in a survey on YouTube channels



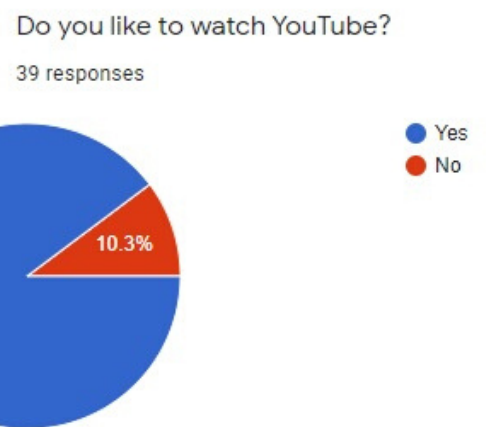
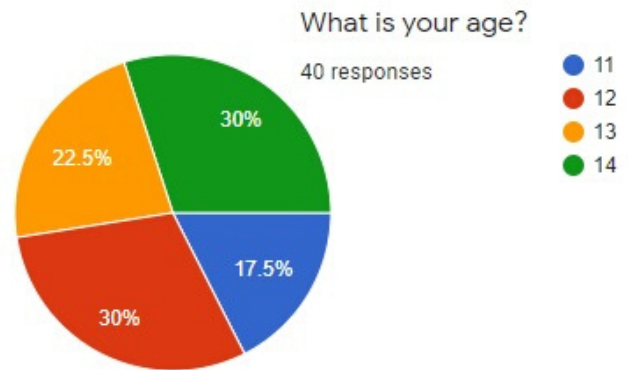
Source: play.google.com

YouTube is a fast growing medium of entertainment. I conducted a survey to know how many students from grades 6 to 9 watch YouTube.

By the end of the survey, I came to know that 89.7% of the students watch YouTube and in that 89.7%, 82.1% of them are familiar with '5 minute crafts', which is a popular YouTube channel. 5.3% say that their favourite YouTube channels are '5 minute crafts' and 'Think Music.'

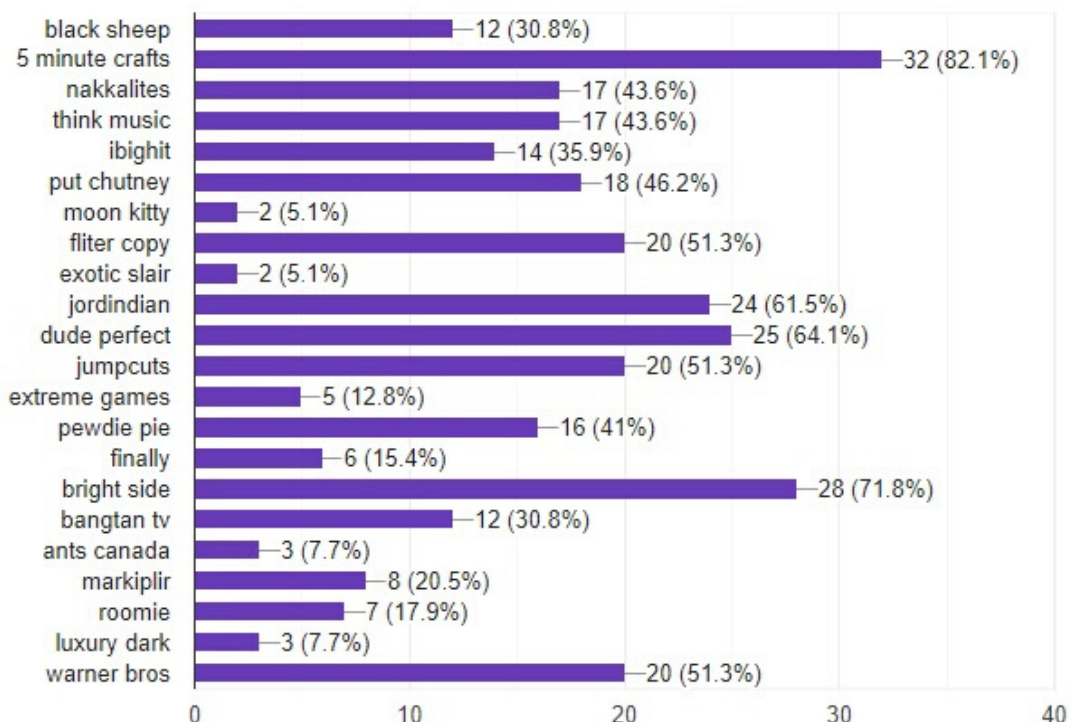
Here's what the survey takers think of YouTube channels: "I liked the channel because a person in that channel shows many football tricks and tips, which will be very useful," "they post a lot of videos on challenges which are fun to watch and it is exciting to see who wins the challenge," "I like them because they create content on the video that makes me laugh and learn some things sometimes," "I like doing crafts so I like watching other people making them."

Guess the new gen finds YouTube relatable.



Which of the following YouTube channels are you familiar with?

39 responses





AVYAKT VIGNESH RAJESHWARAN

My favourite Netflix shows and why I love them



Source: media.netflix.com

Everyone loves Netflix. We all want to watch something which is worth our time. And here's my top 10 picks to help you make the decision.

10. Stranger Things

It has really good graphics and it makes me feel like the story is real. It is a combination of a bunch of genres and it stands out from other fantasy shows.

9. One Punch Man

One Punch Man is an anime which revolves around this one character called Saitama. He is a superhero who takes things for fun. He is a superhuman with very funny jokes. He has good timing sense when it comes to pulling a joke. He literally kills his enemies with one punch. Watch the show and it will make you laugh like you're out of your mind.

8. A Series of Unfortunate Events

It's just a series of unfortunate events, which is really spooky and at the same time funny. It is enough even if you watch one or two seasons.

7. Lucifer

This is a good show and it is about a devil which took a vacation from hell. What more should say?

6. Suits

I really love this show because it talks about a man who tries to be a lawyer. It has a lot of back-story and combines the present with the past.

5. Voltron

It is a cartoon show that talks about life outside our galaxy. It talks about heroes saving the universe. The show is futuristic and enjoyable.

4. The Dragon Prince

This show talks about two humans and an elf. They try to take the dragon egg back to its mother. The story revolves around magic, both elementary magic and dark magic. If you like watching fantasy shows this is a good pick.

3. Assassination Classroom

This show is an anime. I love this show because it does not only talk about assassins but also about school life. It does not revolve around one character but a whole class, their adventures and their missions with their 'unkillable' teacher. In this school you have to kill your teacher to pass, but the twist here is that the teacher is not a human, but a science subject which destroyed three-fourth of the moon. And if you kill the teacher you get one billion yens.

2. Teen Wolf

If you know about werewolves, this might catch your attention. It does not only talk about werewolves but also about some other mythical creatures. You may not understand the first season, but as the show progresses you get addicted to it.

1. You

It's about love and a person who would do anything for love. This is a really good show for bookworms. This show deserves first place because it goes deep into the characters. I really love You as it's the best show that I've ever watched.

Here are some honorary mentions: Haikyuu and Black Mirror



SARVAJITH SANTOSH SIVAN

Marvellous Mrs. Esha Matthew

An peek into our teacher's mind



Shot on OnePlus
Powered by Dual Camera

Childhood

Do you know who was born in Salem on November 15, 1981? Our G.P teacher: Mrs. Esha Mathew! As a young girl, she studied in St. Joseph's Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Salem. In her school days, the persons who inspired her to teach were her 12th grade biology teacher and her mother.

G.P. (Global Perspectives)

I had asked, "Ma'am, why do you think G.P. should be taught as a subject?"

"It should be taught because, in today's world, information is available plenty" she had answered, "but only a few know to choose reliable and credible information, so G.P helps you to do that. It helps you choose which sources are relevant and helps you make the connection between the happenings of the world."

Role Models

Instead of having one role model and liking their full character, Esha ma'am takes qualities she likes from many different people in her life. From her parents she takes grit and perseverance. From her sister she takes problem solving, and last (but not least) she takes professionalism from Padmini ma'am!

Hobbies

Other than teaching, she likes to cook, listen to music and read. When I asked ma'am what her favourite food was, she wasn't sure. She said her favourite food keeps changing. However, two food items to which she will always remain loyal are appam with stew, and puttu with kadala curry.

Joy of Teaching

Two aspects of teaching that Esha ma'am will always love are to be able to see things in a new way and having the chance to learn every day. In the future she sees herself improving her teaching practice and guiding more young learners.

Author's Corner

Esha ma'am, in my perspective, is a kind and fair teacher who does her job very well. She treats everybody fairly and I enjoyed interviewing her.

Do you know who was born in Salem on November 15, 1981? Our G.P teacher: Mrs. Esha!

This magazine is the result of hard work and perseverance of all Grade 7 students. However, some of us took on some additional roles to shape this magazine into its final form.

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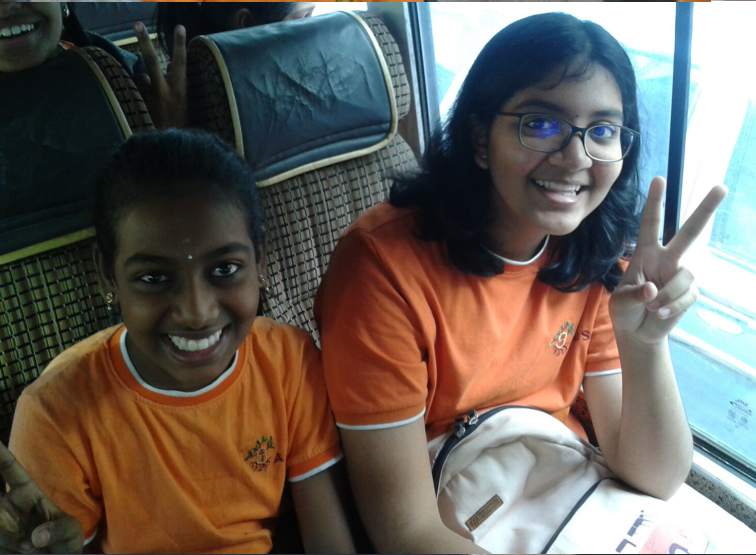
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