



Aryaman Pachori and Shiuli Sural, Class 12, wrote a debate each, on the topic, Scientists Create Monkeys with Human Brain Genes. They were featured in The Hindustan Times, Student Edition, on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2019.

Sanjana Bhatia, Class XI was featured by The Hindustan Times, Student Edition, on 14 November, 2019, for her views on the topic: The Best Change.





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## HAPPINESS



**Gurbani, Class 10 B**  
GD Goenka Public School, Dwarka

Children are most happy when they are heard. They just want someone to listen to their world of imagination. A little appreciation after performing petty chores makes them happy.



**Bhavya Preet Kaur, Class 4**  
Ryan International School, Sohna Road, Gurugram

I am happy when my grandparents visit us. We sit together during dinner and narrate moments of our day. They are the most important part of my family.



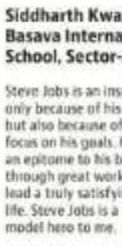
**Janvi Chhabra, Class 9 C**  
St Mark's Girls Sr. Sec School, Meera Bagh

What makes children happy is a secure relationship with their parents. It gives them the confidence to explore the world. As they grow older their Christmas list gets shorter because the things that will make them happy can't be bought.



**Jagteshwar Singh, Class 4**  
GD Goenka Global School, DLF-3, Gurugram

I feel happy when I finish my tasks and get praised. I am elated when my family and friends are also happy and satisfied. Happiness for me is spending time with my family. It is an emotion or feeling that gives us pleasure and joy.



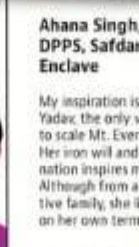
**Siddharth Kwatra, Class 8**  
Basava International School, Sector-23, Dwarka

Steve Jobs is an inspiration not only because of his confidence but also because of his ability to focus on his goals. His entire life is an epitome of his belief that only through great work can one lead a truly satisfying life. Steve Jobs is a model hero to me.



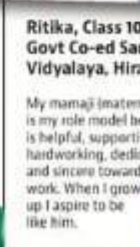
**Shruti Choudhary, Class 12**  
Jiva Public School, Faridabad

Malala Yousafzai my role model fought for human rights and the right to education for girls. She had received many death threats, yet she was determined to continue her fight.



**Ahana Singh, Class 7**  
DPPS, Safdarjung Enclave

My inspiration is Santosh Yadav, the only woman to scale Mt. Everest twice. Her iron will and determination inspires me. Although from a conservative family, she lives on her own terms.



**Ritika, Class 10 A**  
Govt Co-ed Sarvodaya Vidyalaya, Hiran Kudra

My mama (maternal uncle) is my role model because he is helpful, supportive, hardworking, dedicated and sincere towards his work. When I grow up I aspire to be like him.

## LEISURE ACTIVITIES



**Shruti Mishra, Class 12 A**  
Holy Child Sr. Sec School, Tagore Garden

Reading is very relaxing for me. Books of all kinds make me feel enriched, confident and knowledgeable, sparking a constant need to know more. I had picked up my first book from school library and life has never been same.



**Siya Ambwani, Class 5**  
Gyan Bharati School, Saket

My leisure time is spent on reading and cooking. My favourite author is Liz Pichon and I enjoy cooking my favourite dish with my mother. This is how I spend time with her.



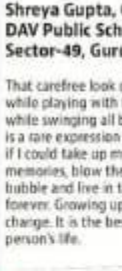
**Shivansh Pandey, Class 5 C**  
Eicher School, Faridabad

Although outdoor activities are recommended, many children just watch TV, browse the internet and play video games. The younger generation needs to learn the relevance of outdoor activities without any reservation.



**Prateek Praanjali, Class 5,**  
Gyan Bharati School, Saket

My favourite leisure time activity is drawing. It helps me to overcome anger or sadness whenever I am unable to express myself verbally. Art helps improve our imagination and encourages us to improve and achieve more in life.



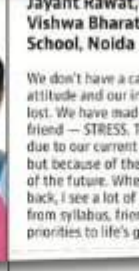
**Shreya Gupta, Class 12**  
DAV Public School, Sector-49, Gurugram

That carefree look on my face while playing with friends or while swinging all by myself is a rare expression now. I wish if I could take up my childhood memories, blow them up into a bubble and live in that bubble forever. Growing up is a great change. It is the best time of a person's life.



**Harshpreet Kaur, Class 12**  
G.D Goenka Public School, Rohini

Increasing world issues have changed the nature of our childhood. We are fearful of the future and burdened with more responsibilities.



**Jayant Rawat, Class 12 C**  
Vishwa Bharati Public School, Noida

We don't have a carefree attitude and our innocence is lost. We have made a new friend — STRESS. This is not due to our current situation but because of the thought of the future. When I look back, I see a lot of changes from syllabus, friends, priorities to life's goals.



**Nipun Narula, Class 12**  
DAV Public School, Sector-49, Gurugram

When I was a kid, we were always in and out of our friends' houses, creating our own entertainment. Now children stay indoors, do not walk or cycle and are glued to a screen of some kind.

## SOCIETAL CHANGE



**Navya Anand, Class 8**  
Birla Vidya Niketan, Pushp Vihar

Time has come to rectify the notion which is instilled in young minds that marks play a crucial and central role in their lives. 'Be creative, not calculative' should be the message. For parents and students, it is a common topic of discussion.



**Pooja Kumari, Class 10**  
Ideal Public School, Faridabad

Equal education and employment opportunities must be provided to the transgender community. It can begin with opening our hearts to them.



**Sanjana Bhatia, Class 11**  
DPS, Vasant Kunj

Education needs to be all encompassing and it should liberate our thoughts. Creative thinking and practical knowledge need to be encouraged and all stream choices, whether science, commerce or humanities, all should be respected.



**Suhani Sadana, Class 7,**  
Ryan International School, Sector-11, Rohini

Today's younger generation is under stress and depressed and the only way to improve their mental and physical health is to teach them the importance of outdoor activities.