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After a long tiring day, picking up that big mug of coffee, as one scrolls through their Instagram feed in the hopes of finding some inspiration and looking at their friends' happy lives. And what meets the eyes is disappointing enough to not open social media for a week again.

### Food

Looking at those sinful chocolate milkshakes and pancakes, your stomach grumbles even though you just had dinner. All your resolutions of 'eating healthy' are passé as the next thing you know is that you're in the kitchen, preparing Maggi!

### #IWokeUpLikeThis

The straight out of bed (not) selfie with perfect hair, a flawless face and a smile that could light up the world. Well, here's some reality check @imablogger nobody wakes up like that in real life. You wake

up grumpy and annoyed because your hair is a bird's nest and you have a long day ahead of you.

### 10 days to go!

How many times have you opened any social media and come across a zillion embarrassing pictures of your friend whose birthday is coming up? Honestly, these pictures are not even embarrassing anymore for the person concerned because Snapchat filters are a thing now. So, it's a humble request to all best friends, kindly stop badgering your friends in the name of countdowns.

### Workout

Those pictures of people working out at the gym or going for a walk in a jungle at 6 in the morning give you that unrequired inferiority complex as you sit with a plate of chocolate brownies in your bed.

### Candid

Those breathtaking shots of people laugh-

ing at something or eating ice cream or doing something as mundane as waiting for a taxi, leaves you wondering. You are amazed to see how they move around with photographers clicking candid shots 24/7, because you just can't keep up with it.

### #Weather

Back in the day, when Snapchat stories were not a thing, rains meant sipping a hot cuppa of tea with some pakoras. Now rains mean putting up pictures of the raindrops on window sills (surprise guys, rain falls on windows). A sincere request to all those putting up such pictures, we too have Google weather and we don't need constant updates of you playing slow songs in the rain just because you like to think you're in a music video.

Perhaps, these people took the need to 'click' too seriously. 🙄

## It's the thought that counts

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They say it's the thought and not the gift that counts. By this logic, the entire world thinks alike. What else can explain the entire world gifting the same thing? A look at what they gift, and the thought behind the same.

### Coffee mugs

"Because I don't have time to be original."

### Deodorant

"Because it is sasta, sundar and tikau; plus I can always say I wanted to gift something useful."

rying the legacy forward."

### Sweet boxes

"Because otherwise *kharab ho jaati...*"

### Bedsheets

"Because bedsheet toh har koi use karta hi hai..."

### Photo frames

"Because I was looking for something that is cheap but looks classy so that you can return the favour..."

### Chocolates

"Because how many Silk Bars can I eat alone?"

### Dry fruits

"Because this one in particular had only a fancy packing with an insignificant amount of nuts."

### Thermos

"Because it has been lying at my house for years now."

### Dabbas

"Because I was at Big Bazaar..."

### Decorative pieces

"Because I do not have any extra space to store this junk, so I thought you'd share the load."

### Kitchen appliances

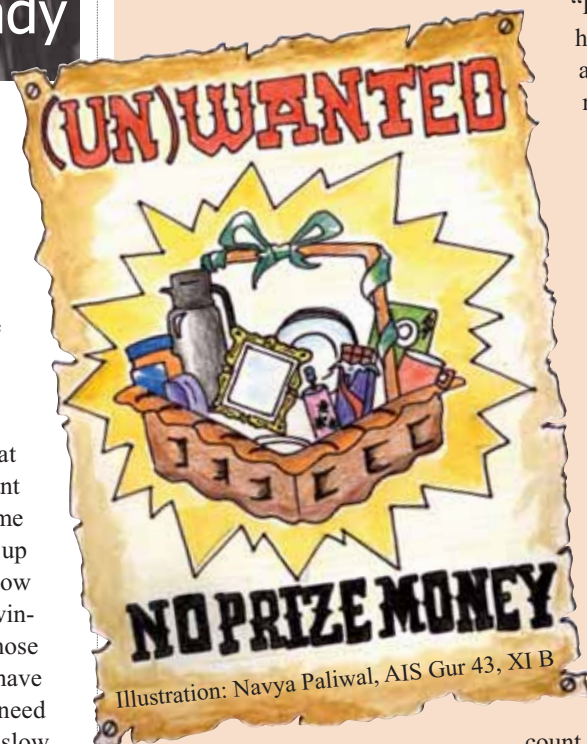
"Because kaafi discount tha..."

### Dinner sets

"Because Kiran Chachi gave it to mami, who gifted it to mausi, who gifted it to me; so, I thought of car-

### Namkeen hamper

"Because nothing screams Diwali more than these."



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# The 'left'ist story

## Of 'left-handed' compliments

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What could possibly be the similarity between a pair of scissors, the doorknobs, can openers and the spiral notebooks on your desk? Well, they were all designed while keeping the right-handed population in mind. You, unlike many others, wouldn't have paid attention to this fact, but if you are a part of the 10% left handed population then the following might just bring in déjà vu.

"Likh ke dikha na left se": This has to be the favourite dialogue of every person you've met recently. You suddenly become the new animal in the zoo, and everyone wants to witness this moment. Now, this person would go and tell three other people who would then approach you with the same request. You've never even seen these people before and yet all you can do is politely comply to not so sensible requests. Too much for manners!

"Why are you eating with your left hand?": This question is often followed by an aghast expression and eyes that have been opened so wide that they'd fall out any second from now. What is even more surprising is the fact that 99% of the time, it is your very own parents who ask you this question. Funny, because they've practically known you all your life and still fail to come to terms with the fact that using your left comes naturally to you. Take a chill pill, maybe?

**Spiral makes you go round:** You have a strong dislike for spiral notebooks during your growing up years because they hurt the sides of your hand. But the makers of the spiral notebook didn't even think about us once. Does anyone really care about our discomfort?

**Finding the right chair:** You must be wondering what a chair has got to do with left-handers. Well, to find the right fit, I mean, find the left-handed folding chair.



While their counterparts are in abundance, left lecture chairs are possibly three in number in the whole lot. Want to find your fit? Visit every class if you are determined to find one. Happy searching!

**Right hand = Clumsiness:** In most cultures worldwide, right

hand is used to eat, serve food and perform religious ceremonies. We are trained to perform every task with our right hand which is not our dominant hand. This mismatch, in my mom's language, leads to "huge loss of cutlery, showpieces and well anything that can break if it falls." And, then the same person

who forced you to use your right hand will also hold you responsible for the mess. Ironic \*rolls eyes\*

But in this world of left, something is right for the lefties too. For instance, you can use both hands fairly well as compared to your counterparts. There's a left

handers day on 13th August every year to counteract all the misconceptions which might be of some relief. You surprise your opponents in sports like boxing and baseball because they are not accustomed to playing against a left-handed opponent. So, when the world is going right, it's okay to take your left turn. 🙄