



# A sigh of relief



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fine." I wanted to believe him, believe that everything will turn out just as expected, but nervousness had got the better of me. With a warm hug and more words of encouragement, my father left me to my own. I saw him leave for office, and it dawned upon me that it was just my world that had come to a standstill. The rest of the world, my dad's office included, continued as usual. I was still in the balcony, when I heard Sharma uncle tell my father, "Must be really tensed today? After all, it's the day of the final judgement." I was nervous before but Sharma uncle's words left me nervous as a wreck. With all the courage I could muster, I geared up to face the day. I turned around to walk back to my room. I saw my mother run towards me and give me the tightest hug possible. "You've done it again, Ahana! You topped your boards," she said, with the widest smile I had ever seen on her face. With those words, I finally heaved a sigh of relief. 🇮🇳

**Storywala**

**Lavanya Jain, AIS MV, IX**  
 I opened my eyes. It was 5.45 am. Had it been any other day, I would have still been snoring, but today I was up and about. I was so anxious that I just felt like running away from everything. I got out of my bed, and started pacing back and forth in my room. Thank God for the chirping of birds, I was distracted from the countless thoughts that rattled my brain. Glad that everything wasn't as gloomy, I tip-toed from my room to the balcony. As I stepped out of the room, I could see the

night slowly fading away and the sun piercing through the darkness. As I tried to focus on the pleasant sunrise before me, I suddenly felt a hand on my shoulder. I turned around to find my dad standing next to me. "What's wrong Ahana? How are you up so early?" he asked, looking all hassled. After all, noon was my default morning and this was perhaps the first time I was up without him waking me up for an hour. I stood there, still as ice. My dad held me by my shoulders, looked at me straight in the eye and said, "Relax Ahana! It's going to be alright. You are going to be



## Choco oreo cake

**Bhargav Ram, AIS Gur 46, IX**  
**Baking Time: 5 mins | Serves: 3-5**

**Ingredients**  
 Oreo biscuits .....1 packet  
 Milk .....1 cup  
 Baking powder.....3/4 tsp  
 Sugar .....3 tbsps  
 Butter.....1 tbsps  
 Rainbow sprinkles .....For garnish

**Process**  
 ■ Crush oreo biscuits in a mixer till it becomes a fine powder.  
 ■ Add baking powder, sugar and milk to the crushed biscuits. Mix well in a mixer again.  
 ■ Take a microwave safe bowl, line it with parchment paper and grease it with butter.  
 ■ Transfer the mixture to the bowl and keep it in the microwave on high (800 watt) for 5 mins.  
 ■ Insert a toothpick in the cake. If it comes out clean, the cake is done.  
 ■ Once baked, let it cool and remove the cake from the bowl by turning it upside down.  
 ■ Decorate the cake with sprinkles.

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Q: When is Earth Day celebrated? Ans:	Q: What is the name of the recipe by Bhargav Ram, AIS Gur 46, IX? Ans:	Q: For how many years can an elephant live? Ans:
Q: Hindi Natya Utsav was organised by which Amity school? Ans:	Q: Who has been interviewed on page 1? Ans:	Q: How many animals are killed annually due to plastic and human waste? Ans:

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## WORDS VERSE



### Thank you ma'am

**Anika Joshi**  
 AIS Vas 1, VIII D

Thank you ma'am  
 For being our friend  
 Thank you ma'am  
 For building our future

Thank you ma'am  
 For being our inspiration  
 Thank you ma'am  
 For nurturing us as leaders. 🇮🇳

For your words of motivation  
 Thank you ma'am  
 For being our coach  
 Thank you ma'am  
 For always being there  
 Thank you ma'am  
 For all you did  
 Thank you ma'am  
 For nurturing us as leaders. 🇮🇳

### Verse of confession

**Shyam Goel, Sem II, ALS, AUUP**

Burning myself every second  
 You hardly realise I have burned a lot  
 They see you, they feel you  
 It's just me who hasn't got your grace

Everyone sees that I burn for you  
 This fearless fierce love is not new  
 People praise you in poems and rhymes  
 But only you and I are for lifetime

Every fortnight some shades you gain

Losing them gives a lot of pain  
 Once in a month I see you in your best  
 Wonder what happens to you in the rest

The near you come, the farther you go  
 Will God ever end this to and fro?  
 I wish in such a way we soon align  
 That we, sun and moon, together shine

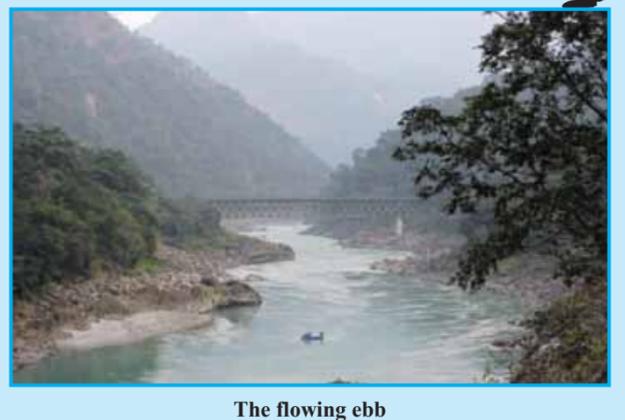
What I witness on your lunar shades  
 I wish the solar eclipse never fades  
 And I see you till the clocks go dead  
 Trust me it's just you in my head. 🇮🇳



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Ria Upreti, AIS Noida, XI D

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 Best Entry: **Siya Dhawan**, AIS Vas 6, VII A