

Stop writing essays... do real-time reporting!!

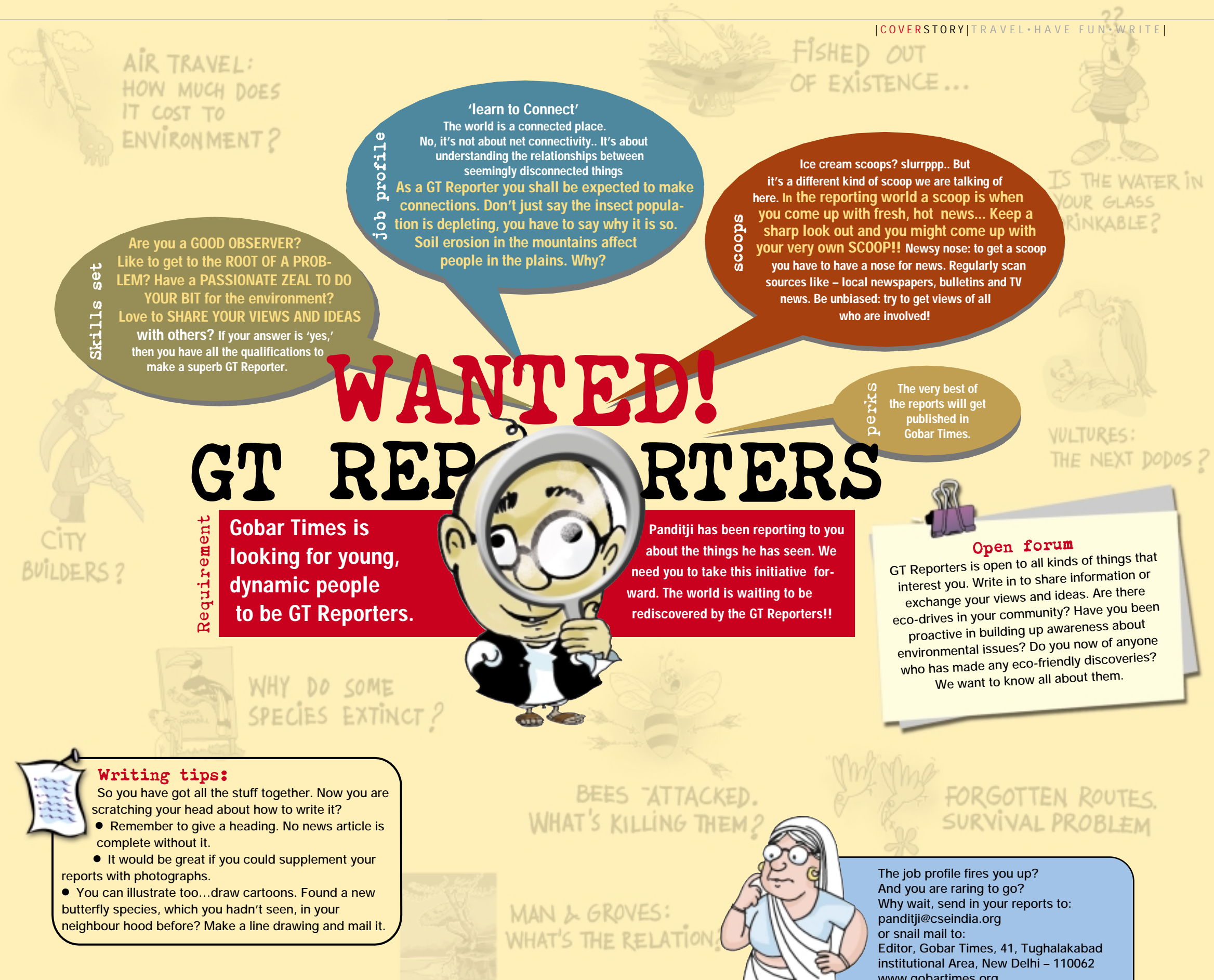
End of every summer break—and you have a project looming before you...an essay about the places you went to!! How boring is that! It positively takes away all the excitement of the fun trip you just had, doesn't it?

Well, this time we suggest you do something different. No more essays. Do some real report writing for Gobar Times. File in reports about issues which interest you most—issues that have a direct impact on you and the environment around you. Write about your home, your city, your country and your world.

Here are some ideas:

- ▶ Do you know how many vehicles run in the roads of your city or town? And the kind of gases they emit into the air you breathe?
- ▶ What happens to the trash after its picked up from your home?
- ▶ Where does the water in your city come from? Who supplies it to your home? Is it cleaned before it is sent to you? How?
- ▶ How many bird species are there in your neighbourhood? Where do they nest? What do they eat? Are there any migratory species?
- ▶ Is your house connected to a sewerage line? Where is it all dumped?
- ▶ Why are there so many slums in the big metros? Who are the people who live here? Where do they come from?

Ask questions, follow trails, pick up clues. And then write to us like a true-blue media person...



Skills set

Are you a **GOOD OBSERVER**? Like to get to the **ROOT OF A PROBLEM**? Have a **PASSIONATE ZEAL TO DO YOUR BIT** for the environment? Love to **SHARE YOUR VIEWS AND IDEAS** with others? If your answer is 'yes,' then you have all the qualifications to make a superb GT Reporter.

Job profile

'learn to Connect'
The world is a connected place. No, it's not about net connectivity.. It's about understanding the relationships between seemingly disconnected things

As a GT Reporter you shall be expected to make connections. Don't just say the insect population is depleting, you have to say why it is so. Soil erosion in the mountains affect people in the plains. Why?

scoops

Ice cream scoops? slurrppp.. But it's a different kind of scoop we are talking of here. In the reporting world a scoop is when you come up with fresh, hot news... Keep a sharp look out and you might come up with your very own **SCOOP!!** Newsy nose: to get a scoop you have to have a nose for news. Regularly scan sources like – local newspapers, bulletins and TV news. Be unbiased: try to get views of all who are involved!

perks

The very best of the reports will get published in Gobar Times.

WANTED!

GT REPORTERS

Requirement Gobar Times is looking for young, dynamic people to be GT Reporters.

Panditji has been reporting to you about the things he has seen. We need you to take this initiative forward. The world is waiting to be rediscovered by the GT Reporters!!



Open forum

GT Reporters is open to all kinds of things that interest you. Write in to share information or exchange your views and ideas. Are there eco-drives in your community? Have you been proactive in building up awareness about environmental issues? Do you now of anyone who has made any eco-friendly discoveries? We want to know all about them.

Writing tips:

So you have got all the stuff together. Now you are scratching your head about how to write it?

- Remember to give a heading. No news article is complete without it.
- It would be great if you could supplement your reports with photographs.
- You can illustrate too...draw cartoons. Found a new butterfly species, which you hadn't seen, in your neighbour hood before? Make a line drawing and mail it.



The job profile fires you up? And you are raring to go? Why wait, send in your reports to: panditji@cseindia.org or snail mail to: Editor, Gobar Times, 41, Tughalakabad institutional Area, New Delhi – 110062 www.gobartimes.org