



Campus Communiqué



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At the Helm

MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR PRINCIPAL

Warm Greetings!

A wise man once said, "Excellence is the gradual result of high intention, sincere effort and the vision to see obstacles as opportunities."

We, at Bhavan Vidyalaya Chandigarh, have always been proud witnesses to the exemplary performance of our dedicated students, who winningly outshine themselves in various curricular and co-curricular activities, year after year. Bhavan's steadfast commitment to excellence, both academically and otherwise, dwells at the very core of its spirit and of late, the astounding results of STSE are an unequivocal testimony to this fact.

And, now that we are fully rejuvenated after a refreshing summer break, it's time to gear up for more challenges & opportunities! Let's get ready with all our might and main. Many more valuable experiences are sure to follow, so don't forget to make the most out of them!

God Bless you all!

Vineeta Arora

Senior Principal



Steering the Sails

FROM THE EDITORS...

July is here! As we step into the second half of 2021, things have been changing, and yet, it feels as though life is still at a halt. A lot of us have missed the joy of unbound travel. Be it taking new roads, exploring new places, visiting our grandparents, or just having those pyjama parties with our friends— everything was once closely knit together, forming an important part of our lives. Words aren't enough to describe how therapeutic and transformational travelling can actually be.

Even in the present circumstances, the alternatives to physically travelling are plenty. Want to see the Eiffel Tower? Open Google Earth and enjoy. Choose to be an eco traveller? Visit your yard and make discoveries. Learn about the less explored places of the world. How about planning your own staycation, or learning how various countries travelled through different phases in history to acquire the marvels they have?

“Once a year, go somewhere you have never been before.”

— Dalai Lama

When this statement comes from the Dalai Lama himself, it's tough not to think of self-discovery as an absolute blissful way of travelling. To know our goals and how to achieve them, we truly need to know ourselves. Meditating and practising self-love are the best ways to embrace the journey towards self-discovery.

So, dear readers, before you go through the next few pages of this edition, take a deep breath and get ready to let your minds wander off to some unexplored corners of the world. We have packed you a ride like no other. It's time to get your bucket list out, strap your boots, and dive right in!

Bon Voyage!

The Bhavan Dispatch

Bhavan Chandigarh shines in STSE



State Level National Talent Search Examination (Stage-1) 2020-21 was held on 13 December 2020 for the students of class X. Among the 1557 students who attempted the examination, 20 students were selected by the SCERT. Notably, 6 students out of the top 10 belong to Bhavan Chandigarh. Sujal Kakkar scored 183 marks, followed by Aakash Singh with 182, Gautam Sahni with 180 marks and Megha Tayal, Inesh Dheer and Rishik Goyal scored 179 marks each. They are among the top six scorers in Chandigarh.

Vedant Saini qualifies for final round of IMO

Vedant Saini of class 10 has qualified for the final round of the prestigious International Math Olympiad to be held in July 2021. He is the youngest member of the 6-member Indian contingent. He emerged victorious in the first three levels to qualify for the final level. Initially, to be held in St. Petersburg, the Olympiad will now be held online due to the pandemic.



BOSS organizes COVID Vaccination camp

Bhavan's Old Students Society (BOSS) organised a two day Covid vaccination drive at GK Resort Zirakpur on 12th and 13th June 2021. Over 500 doses of both Covaxin and Covishield vaccines were administered during the camp. Following complete Covid vaccination protocols of social distancing, sanitization, masks and basic medical check-up, the camp also provided a resting area for those who had come to take the jab. Their recent endeavor KOSHISH also provides financial aid to patients, who need medical help and invasive procedures like heart surgery.



The Bhavan Dispatch

Students enjoy virtual Trip to the Andamans



A 50-minute virtual trip to the Andamans came as a welcome change for students of classes 6 to 12. After all, when classes, and tests can be held online, why not a vacation? Students visited different islands, the cellular jail and many other interesting sights.

Our Campus Stars **INTERSCHOOL COMPETITIONS**

Two teams from the school have topped the **National level of the Technovations Girls event.**

Team 1- Aditi Sharma-Class 10, Varuni Raghav-Class 8, & Amani Singla- Class 7

Team 2- Pragya Thakur, Khwahish and Anika Vohra from Class 8.

Ojaswi Aggarwal of 6A and Khushi Sheron of 12A2 won prizes in the **Video-making Competition** held by Department of Environment, Yuvsatta.

In the **Crossfire Debate** championship organized by Shri Ram College of Commerce, Kritvee Sharma of 10A was felicitated with a **Honorable Mention.**

In the set of competitions conducted by Bhavan Panchkula, **Medha** of 8C bagged the **1st Prize** in **Caricature-making Competition,**

&

Ashmita Sengupta of 12A1 won the **3rd place** in the **Book Review Competition.**

Ojasvi Aggarwal of 6A and **Kritvee Sharma** of 10A bagged the third prize in the **Poster Making Competition** organized by INTACH.

ASCENSION

CASE STUDY COMPETITION

1st- Aarav Nandwani & Diya Gupta 11C1 (Team Alpha)

2nd - Jasanjan, Ashmita Sengupta & Devishi Jindal 12A1 (Team Vision Quest)

3rd- Arshiya Gupta 11A2, Haripriya Gautam 11A1 & Vanya Monga 11A2 (Team Insync)

Honourable Mentions:

Pranjul Chandel, Bhoomika Chawla & Suyash Aggarwal 11C2 (Team Markets on the Rise)

Jayant Jain & Srishti Madan 12 C1 (Team Case Crackers)

CC Workshop

"FROM PEN TO PAPER"



The Editorial Board conducted a three-day creative writing and short storytelling workshop for the students of classes 7-8th from 14-16 June 2021.



From descriptive writing to effective plotting, from choosing an appropriate narrative style to incorporating humour in story-writing, a host of lessons were shared by the mentors, making it a fine blend of fun and knowledge! Individual attention was assured to each attendee by engaging in in-class activities in separate break rooms!



What they Wrote



Read on to know what all we wrote together in those fun & interactive sessions!

SCENE WRITING

"My feet seemed to have a mind of their own as they guided me inside the conference room. While I read the Project Proposal, chaos raged through the room as everyone argued about the Finance department. I understood that they were scratching their heads on a simple problem and my face lit up with excitement as I figured out a simple solution to it. All we had to do was put aside our differences and listen carefully..."



AUDIO/VISUAL EXERCISE



"A playful chatter coming from my surroundings enveloped the atmosphere. Anne sat beside me humming a soft tune. My eyes traced the words but took nothing in as I was too distracted. Small gusts of wind rolled down my hair making it feel as if they were floating on clouds..."

Therapy Wise

THE MIND IN FINE FETTER

Compiled by Taveeshaa Keprate, 12A2

ART THERAPY

We all need those cathartic yet somehow neglected moments of introspection with our true inner being. Art therapy does just that! It is one of the easiest routines to follow in order to achieve a greater understanding of our emotions and the world around us. Many people have the notion that art and craft are only for "kids". Some even believe that they require artistic skills to do so.

However, in practice, art therapy, apart from the addition of creative techniques such as drawing, painting, collaging, colouring, or sculpting, is almost like talk therapy—giving a space to explore psychological and emotional challenges within oneself. Plus, it can be easily attempted under self-supervision at home. Here are some of the therapeutic activities you can try by yourself:

An anchor is the means by which huge ships are steadied onto the shores safely after sailing through tumultuous oceans. It signifies stability and ensures that you 'never sink' and 'always stay strong'. No matter how gusty the waves appear to be, you will find your shore.



Self

- Draw images of your good traits.
- Paint the different sides of yourself.
- Build your own website.

Inside the mind

- Create blot art
- Make a dreamcatcher
- Draw your dreams



Collaging

- Make a clutter collage
- Make a face collage on a mask.
- Make a motivational collage.



Campus Club Spot

Vasundhara: The Eco Club

GROW YOUR veggies



Eco Club Vasundhara would like to encourage you all to grow some veggies in your garden this season. Whether you have a veggie patch or planters in your balcony here are some step by step tips to grow your own veggies.

Courtesy Ms. Shalini Satsangi

Step 1 : Growing the sapling

The best option is to get a healthy baby plant. But if you must grow the plant from seed then grow them in a soil mix (50% vermicompost or manure + 30% garden soil + 10% river sand or perlite + 10% neem cake powder). Keep the pot in indirect sunlight and protect it from wind. Do not over water.

Step 2: Repotting a baby plant

Once the baby plants are big enough, select 1 or 2 healthiest plants and repot them into bigger pot. Do not try to grow too many plants in one pot. Don't expose the roots to air and don't break the roots. Repot the baby plants quickly to avoid any shock.

The repotting soil mix must be 30% Garden soil + 30% river sand or perlite or a mixture of both + 20% vermicompost or manure + 10% neem cake powder + 10% bone meal.

Step 3 : Caring for plants

1. Keep your fruit/vegetable plants in full sunlight.
2. Water only when the soil is dry.
3. Take 5 ml neem oil in 1 l of water and 1 tsp liquid detergent (vim liquid), shake well, and spray on leaves and stems once a week. (this will work as a good pesticide)
4. Put 1-2 fist full of compost or manure every 15 days and 1 fist full of bone meal (or eggshell powder) every month.
6. Be patient with your plants, some take time to mature and flower.

Veggies at home



CELEBRATING VAN MAHOTSAV

Van Mahotsav is a tree plantation festival, celebrated in the 1st week of July, with an aim to increase forest cover in India. On this occasion, eco-warriors planted a tree in their nearby parks and vowed to take care of it. Students were also apprised about the different trees in Chandigarh, different methods of propagation- cutting, layering, germination of seeds , bulbs, and division to propagate different plants.

Campus Club Spot

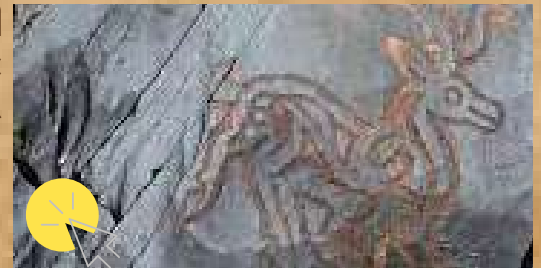
HERITAGE CLUB

India's heritage is a harmonious blend of art, architecture and the innate secular philosophy of its people. A characteristically Indian expression of unity is found in the network of shrines & sacred places spread across the country. Walking through the past, through the ancient ruins, rock arts & palaces, let us unearth the unexplored across India.

Courtesy Myeisha Takkar 11C1

Petroglyphs site in Domkhar, Ladakh

In Domkhar, Ladakh, lie the secluded, untouched rock carvings, an embodiment of the pre-historic Iron ages dating back to the 2nd and 3rd millennium BC. These rocks depict a striking resemblance to those unearthed in the Central Asian steppes and house some of the finest engravings on display.



Boxanagar, Tripura



Picture this. You're standing in the lush green landscapes of North-eastern India & ahead of you lie the remains of an ancient brick structure delving into the footsteps of Buddhism. Boxanagar hosts an exhibition of a sprawling gallery of Buddhist stupa, a monastery & several remnants of the Museum of ancient Tripura.

Hampi, Karnataka

Ranked as a UNESCO World Heritage site, Hampi lies in the north Karnataka. Explore a collection of ruins of the ancient, prosperous kingdom of Vijayanagara. With the depiction of the Dravidian style of art & architecture, the most significant of the monuments is the Virupaksha temple which is a remarkable religious centre for Hindus.



Dholavira, Gujarat



Of all the archaeological sites associated with the Harappan civilization, the most prominent is Dholavira. What is unique about it is that unlike other Harappan cities, this one seems to be built almost exclusively of stones instead of bricks. The well-planned city with its successful harvest exemplifies the ingenuity of its inhabitants.



Guest speak

Two hearts that beat for adventure

Meet **Dr. Rakesh Verma**, Assistant Professor (Physical Education), GGSDS College who was amongst the 6 teachers selected from India to partake in JENESYS, organized by the Japan International Cooperation Centre. With a teaching experience of over 27 years, he has served as the Head of the Physical Education Department in Bhavan Chandigarh for over a decade and was also a member of the School's Management Committee.

(To Mr Manu) What inspired you to choose para-gliding, a not-so-conventional career?

Mr. Manu: I was always interested in flying; one of the biggest reasons why I took up paragliding is because it is the easiest form of flying, especially in India. For other forms, we don't find the aircraft of our choice very easily, but in paragliding, you can pick your own aircraft & fly anywhere (of course where it's suitable). Though it is unconventional, fortunately none of that bothered me, and I went ahead with my decision & for me it's one of the best ones.

(To Dr. Verma) Since you have traveled a lot, and travelling gives innumerable experiences worth sharing. Could you share one such story with us?

Dr. Verma: This was during Covid times, when entry into Himachal was not banned, a friend of mine and I went on a cycling trip. We first went to Shimla via Chail and then came back to Chandigarh. It was a completely new experience. We were out there for three nights and it was quite exhausting but at the end of it, it was quite satisfactory, a feeling that we had achieved

Adventure sports enthusiast, **Mr. Deepvinder Manu Bedi**, gives wings to the dreams of various adventurous learners through his Skylark School of Paragliding. With over half a decade's experience and 1000+ hours of flying he has been training thousands including cadets from Indian Defence Services. Catch our guests in a tete-a-tete with Kritvee Sharma.



DR. RAKESH VERMA (L)

MR. DEEPVINDER MANU BEDI (R)

something! Talking about an encounter, it was by chance that we met a person who organizes the tough man competition in Himachal. He recommended our names for the cycling category in the Tough Man competition; so that was one good experience with a person who recognized our effort.

(To Mr. Manu) Many of our readers might not have tried para-gliding. If you could describe a mid-air experience and what is it like for a tenderfoot?

Mr. Manu: Paragliding is more like bird flying or bird view. There is a feeling of pure joy and ebullience. It is an incredible view, seeing yourself float above Earth, suspended by nothing but a canopy and a harness. It will make all your problems and concerns seem tiny. Up there in the sky, nothing matters. All you experience is purity and serenity. It is like nirvana (paradise).

(To Dr. Verma) Today, with covid, travel is restricted for everyone. So, how can we bring in or retain the spirit of adventure, even when we cannot step out?

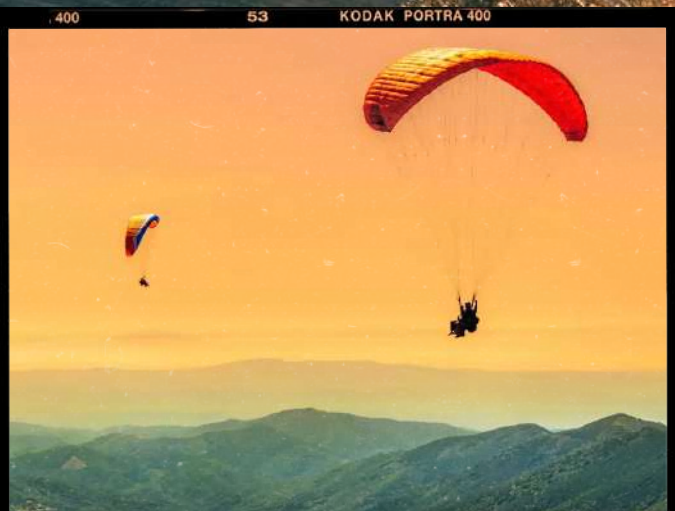
Dr. Verma: Well, adventure does not necessarily mean doing something risky outside of your home. For a child crossing the road on its own is also an adventure but as we grow the thrill for us changes. During the pandemic period, even going to the market was an adventure so what I am trying to say is that adventure is always present there. You need to find opportunities to feel the thrill, for me cycling was an adventure. Going out for cycling of course when the law allowed to do so was a thrilling experience. Thrill is subjective to people.

(To Dr. Verma) The theme of this edition is travel & discovery. How can we rediscover ourselves on a personal level? What can we do to remain physically & mentally active?

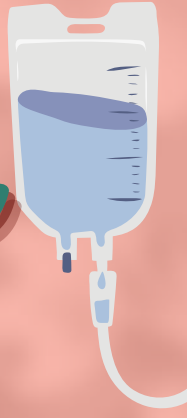
Dr. Verma: The lockdown period provided you with a lot of time for yourself because earlier each one of us had a very hectic schedule, but when the lockdown slammed the lid on our lives restricting the movement outside of your home, I discovered that I had a really short temper and I overcame it, about remaining physically and mentally active, again we had plenty of time both physical fitness as well as mental fitness. We had time to rethink and also not overstress making it a relaxing exercise for our mind. This pandemic also made us realize the importance of having a strong immune system, exercising on rooftops, or in your gardens makes up for a great family time as well.

(To both) In a time where work consumes our lives, what inspires you to pause work and travel?

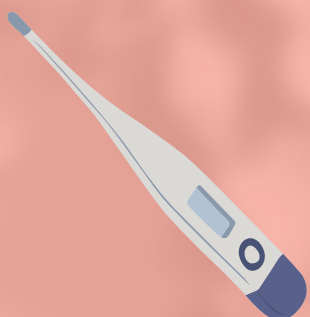
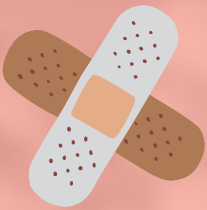
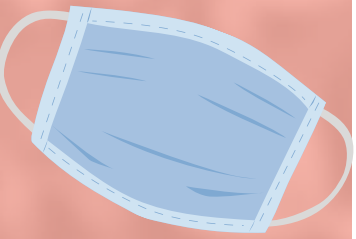
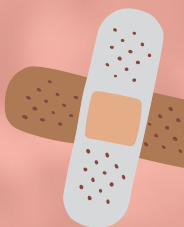
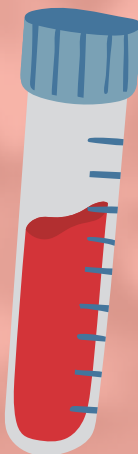
Dr. Verma: - It is something that comes from within. I have a companion with me and all we need is good weather, a holiday, and in today's times, permission to go. We usually have impromptu plans and the next moment we are ready to go.



Happy, Doctors Day!



This Doctor's Day 2021, we decided to do our bit in honoring all the front-line warriors who serve as the backbone of the medical industry; not just during the ongoing pandemic but everyday in our daily lives.



Kargil Vijay Divas

TIMELINE UNVEILED

Compiled by Varuni Raghav 8c

July 26. It was on this day, 19 years ago that the Indian Army recaptured all the Indian posts in Kargil that had been occupied by Pakistan. Since then, July 26 has been observed annually to commemorate the soldier's sacrifices in this war.



5th -15th May 1999

4th May 1999
Reports of infiltrators atop heights of Kargil.

Army patrol sent up to survey. Find infiltrations. Soldiers go missing

26th-27th May 1999

Indian Air Force launches air strikes. An IAF MiG-27 goes down.

Prime Minister, Atal Behari Vajpayee announces a "war-like situation" in Kargil.

31st May 1999



Army captures two important posts near Tiger Hill and Tololing Peak. After some days the whole of Tiger Hill captured

6th-9th June 1999

Indian Army launches major attack, regains control of two key positions in the Batalic Sector.

13th June- 4th July 1999



14th July 1999

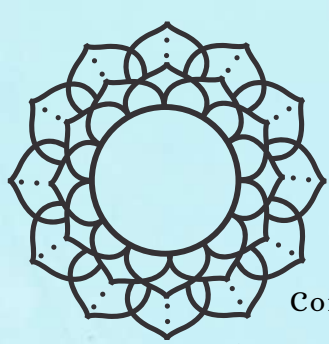
India declares Operation Vijay a success

Kargil Vijay Diwas is a day when we salute the boundless sacrifices of those valiant sons and daughters of this land.

Devoting their lives to their motherland, they are the epitomes of bravery and selfless spirit. Let us take a moment to thank them as a proud Indian! Jai Hind!



FOR OUR TOMORROW, THEY GAVE THEIR TODAY!



GURU PURNIMA

Compiled by Aaditi Garg, 10D



THE HISTORY OF THE WORD GURU

The Sanskrit word "Gu" means darkness or ignorance. "Ru" denotes the remover of that darkness, someone who brings light and meaning to life. It is the "GURU" who removes our ultimate darkness, often referred to as Maya, and who inspires and guides us in all paths of life.



BUDDHISM



Buddhists celebrate the day in honour of Lord Buddha who gave his first oration at Sarnath in Uttar Pradesh after his enlightenment. Lord Buddha attained liberation by subjecting himself to severe austerities for six years. The day falls during the Hindu month of Ashadha (June-July) on the full moon day i.e. Purnima

HINDUISM

This day is also celebrated as Vyasa Purnima in honour of the great sage Veda Vyasa, who is the author of Mahabharata. An age-old Sanskrit phrase 'Mata Pitah Guru Daivam', says that the Guru has been given a higher place than God.



JAINISM



It is believed that Mahavira, one of the most prominent Tirthankaras in Jainism, got his very first disciple Gautham Swami, on this day. In honor of Lord Mahavira, the 24th Tirthankara, and all the other gurus who followed after him, people practicing Jainism have celebrated this day ever since.

Ahmedabad- Heritage Unbound

Compiled by Bhoomika Chawla 11 C2

Situated in the heart of Gujarat, Ahmedabad has a character like no other, defined by a spirit of enterprise. It is also deeply rooted in tradition.



Sabarmati Ashram is the place where Mahatma Gandhi lived for 12 years and headed the Dandi March. The ashram is a revered national monument. Take this amazing Virtual Tour to know more!



Jama Masjid is the epitome of alignment and beauty. It was built in 1424 AD by Ahmed Shah. The Jama Masjid was the fifth and the largest mosque in India built during Ahmed Shah's reign.



Folk Art and Textiles are an essential part of Ahmedabad. Discover the beauty of Ajrakh, Bandhej, Bandhunis, Rabari embroidery and others. Visit the Calico Museum to know more.



People of the city are known for their love for **Food**. A typical Gujarati thali consists of Roti, Shaak, Kathol, Dal, Rice, Farsaan and Chaas. Enjoy the sights of Manek Chowk, the Food Street.



BACKPACKING IN NORTH-EAST INDIA

Compiled By: Prasha Bhatia, 11 A1



Unfamiliar lands have always interested travellers as their essence has not been tarnished. North East India is an exquisite wonder whose beauty and aura remain unblemished. Click on the links to embark on journeys like no other!

Enliven Yourself at Arunachal

Arunachal Pradesh offers a break from the buzz of the city with its quaint destinations. It has a lot in store for you!

- Namdapha National Park
- Ziro Valley – Learn Local Culture & Tradition
- Roing – Witness An Amazing Sunset
- Dirang – Go For A Trek



Aesthetically Assam

In Assam you will have the time of your life. With your family and friends, don't forget to-

- Explore The Largest River Island: Majuli
- Spot One-Horned Rhinos: Kaziranga National Park
- Attend Vibrant Festivals: Bihu And Tea Festival
- Taste Scrumptious Delicacies: Culinary Feasts

Exquisite Sikkim

Sikkim is sheer magic. With its unique culture and natural landscape, Sikkim is a picture of perfection and pristine purity. Sikkim offers you-

- Authentic Cuisine: Savour the Delicacies
- Do Drul Chorten: Seek Lord Buddha's Blessings
- Yumthang Hot Springs: Take A Steam Shower



Authentic Mizoram

With a wide array of festivals, dances, flora and fauna, and pleasant climate, Mizoram has much to offer its visitors. The cane and bamboo handicraft and bamboo baskets are a must-see. Many of the popular tourist places in Mizoram include Aizawl, Champhai, Khawbung, Lunglei, and Thenzawl.



Diving into Folklore at Nagaland

If you are eager for a truly offbeat travel experience in India, it is time to train the spotlight on Nagaland. Things you won't want to miss in Nagaland are-

- Kisama Heritage Village: Explore Nagaland's Culture
- Mount Saramati: Take A Trekking Trail
- Kohima Mountains: Camp Under The Stars

Serene Meghalaya

If you are a hill person, then Meghalaya-the abode of clouds is your dream destination. Here is the list of things you can do here.

- Trek To Bewildering Living Root Bridges
- Water Sports At Umiam Lake
- Expedition At Siju Cave
- Trekking At Laitlum Canyon



Breathtaking Tripura

Scenic views as far as your eyes can see, mountain vibes, and the cool breeze, sounds mesmerizing, don't you think? Here's what you should do when in Tripura-

- Jampui Hills: Taste fresh & juicy oranges
- Durga Puja: Attend The Grand Celebration
- Unakoti: Witness the ethereal beauty

The Jeweled land- Manipur

The culture, the food, the humble people, and the green valleys are certainly a treat to the eyes. Here are a few things you can do in Manipur-

- Explore Imphal Valley
- Pave Your Way to Kangla Fort
- Admire Beautiful Art at Three Mothers Art Gallery



Food Festivals have become the rage of the town today, so much that people travel to these destinations to specifically partake in these events. Here are some unique food festivals of India that you should definitely add to your bucket list!



Food Festivals OF INDIA



Compiled by Khushi Chandak, 12 C2

Mei Ramew



Where - Mawphlang
When - December
Speciality - Farmers' Market, local flavors

Navi Mumbai Food Truck Fest



Where - Navi Mumbai
When - March
Speciality - Food trucks, Grape stomping

Great Indian Food Festival



Where - New Delhi
When - Late January
Speciality - Live cookery shows, Sufi nights

Ahare Bangla



Where - Kolkata
When - Varies every year
Speciality - Cooking competition, Never-before-seen dishes

Sattvik Food Festival



Where - Ahmedabad
When - December
Speciality - Farmers' Fair, Organic Food

Goa Food & Cultural Fest



Where - Panaji
When - February
Speciality - Live Music, Unique dishes

Amazing



Africa



Compiled by Sukirt Kaur 12A1

Click on the links to get started



Natural Wonders

Go on a safari to witness the annual Great Migration of millions of wildebeest from a hot-air balloon, or track endangered mountain gorillas through the rain forests of Uganda and Rwanda.

Adventure & beyond

Climb Mt. Kilimajaro, the 4th highest peak in the world or bungee jump off a bridge at Victoria falls and swim up to the edge of the world's largest waterfall.



History buffs!

Africa has tons to offer when it comes to culture, heritage and history. Some must-visit places include Olduvai Gorge (the cradle of mankind), remains of the Egyptian civilization and Robben Island, and the Apartheid museum.



Histoire de Paris!

Compiled by Bhoomika Chawla 11 C2

Throughout the centuries, Paris has witnessed countless riots and revolutions. From the twentieth century on, Paris suffered important changes with the reconstruction of different neighborhoods, many damaged during World War I and World War II. The city kept on growing during the following centuries:

Paris became the book-publishing capital of Europe and a center of learning.



1700s

Paris was the center of the intellectual ferment and the main stage of the French Revolution.



1800s

Paris's economy and tourism industry made it an important financial center and influential global city.

1600s



The city's future most famous theater, and first café-restaurant, was opened.

1800s



Paris became the fashion hub and then developed rapidly.

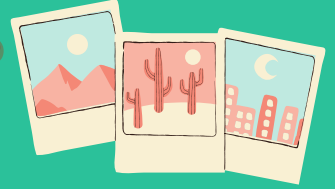
2000s



[Click here for a virtual tour of Paris!](#)

WHAT'S YOUR TRAVEL STYLE?

Explore the travel styles that suit your personality



If you are bored with conventional travel and want to experience something new, we have got you covered! Read about types of travelling which will make you forget your traditional fast paced travelling style.



Compiled by Nishtha Chopra 12A2



Destination is overrated here and journey is the goal. It is a self reliant overland travel through remote destinations. Staying in camps, making your own food, doing the cleaning and traveling in mechanized off-road vehicles is what this style offers.



Traditional travelling styles require spending but backpacking is cheap. Mostly taken by youth during gap years, this is characterized by staying in cheap hostels, not spending on unnecessary travel luxuries and keeping all your NECESSITIES in a backpack.



Travelling slowly and for longer periods of time helps you meet new people, connect with them more and know a culture better. Travelling for long durations helps you find the real you which might have got lost in the 'crowded mainstream world'.



If you like helping people and committing to social causes, then this type of travel is for you. Volunteer travel or Voluntourism involves going to foreign and unknown locations on missions or volunteering for improving the lives of other people.



Agritourism gives you an enriching rural experience with both enjoyment & education regarding farming, small scale food production and lifestyle of the local people.



STAYCATION 101

Compiled by: Prabhat Rajagopalan, 11A2

Often, the most awaited, most enjoyable part of the year are the summer holidays. Almost synonymous with summer holidays are vacations, although with travel restrictions, and fear of the virus, going on vacations isn't something we can all do. What we need instead, is the perfect staycation!

IN-HOUSE CAMPOUT

With a couple of sheets and some sticks or poles to prop them up, you can make your very own tent in your backyard or verandah and spend the night there.



MOVIE NIGHT

Turn out the lights, make a bowl of popcorn, sit back on your favorite chair in front of the TV and recreate the theatre in your very own home.



SUMMER BARBEQUE

Light a small fire in your yard, put a wire rack on it and get grilling! Let that smoky flavor liven your taste buds up, as you make your own barbeque! Nothing like some delicious mocktails to bring it all to life.



TREASURE HUNT

Organize a treasure hunt with clues hidden in every corner of your house, as you leave your family scratching their heads looking for small trinkets all around the house.

Make it more fun by having gifts and rewards!

WRITE THAT NOVEL

This might be the best time to finish writing that one novel you've been wanting to for ages. Sit back with the perfect glass of lemonade, and start typing as ideas fly wild. That book will be ready before you know it!



GAME NIGHT

Find time one Sunday, and get those board-games out, for the ultimate family game night. Make your very own score cards, and emerge victorious after hours of gaming fun that is bound to entertain everyone for the day.





DO WE REALLY DISCOVER COUNTRIES?

Compiled by Sukirt Kaur 12 A1

Is it correct to say that a country was 'discovered' by a celebrated explorer, when, in reality, it had always existed, and even had a thriving human inhabitation? This debate has captured the attention of academics and history enthusiasts alike in the recent past. Let us look at popular examples of USA, India and Australia to understand the two sides to this debate.



INDIA



When Vasco da Gama arrived in India, civilization was thriving! Trade with the Western world & Middle-east flourished via established trade routes like the Silk Route. Wouldn't it then be incorrect to say that it was discovered by the Portuguese explorer? Instead, history could more accurately claim that he discovered the sea route to India since that hadn't been travelled on before.

Each year Columbus day is celebrated all over America. It is commonly said that "Columbus discovered America." This is false. Rather, he introduced the Americas to Western Europe during his four voyages to the region between 1492 and 1502. During this time period, the Natives already inhabited the land!

USA



AUSTRALIA



Australia was discovered' by a Dutch explorer Willem Janszoon in 1606. However, the indigenous Australians had inhabited the continent for tens of thousands of years, and traded with nearby islanders. There are many claims of earlier landings by the Portuguese, Spanish, Chinese, Arabs and Romans, as well.



THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

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2ND JULY 1937

Emily Earhart, the first female to fly solo over the Atlantic Ocean goes missing after taking off for the last leg of her journey to circumnavigate the globe.



17TH JULY 1955

The 1st Disneyland was opened in California. It opened to invited guests only and was one of the largest theme parks in the world at the time.



20TH JULY 1969

Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon after reaching the surface in the Apollo 11 lunar module.

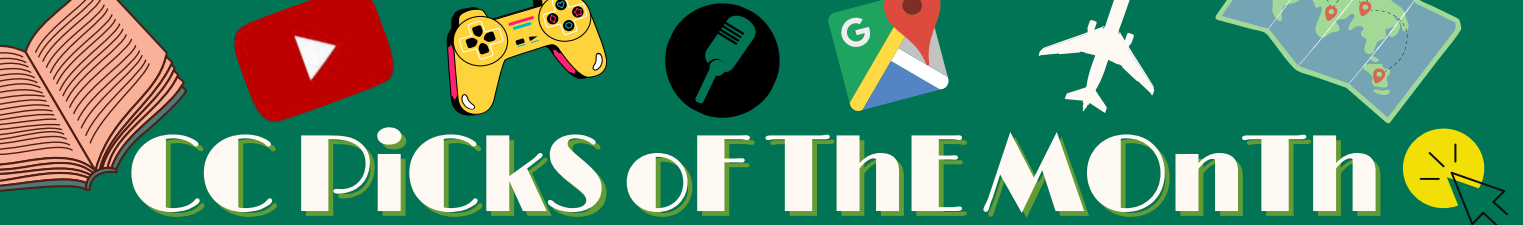


MYSTERY SHIP THE PATRIOT



Aaron Burr was the third vice president of the United States. His daughter, Theodosia, disappeared at sea at the age of 29 on a ship called the Patriot. The Patriot was traveling from South Carolina to New York City in December 1812. The last sighting of the ship was on 2nd Jan 1813. That night, a storm blew in. The ship was never heard from again. Some suggested that it had gone down in bad weather, and others claimed it had been captured by pirates. For years, there were rumors that Theodosia Burr had survived, or washed ashore dead. One of the spookiest occurrences was the 1869 discovery of a painting of a well-heeled young woman in the home of a North Carolina woman whose family looted ships for a living. Theodosia Burr was said to have been bringing a very similar portrait to New York as a gift for her father.





CC PICKS OF THE MONTH

Compiled by: Nishtha Chopra, 12A2

Ronnie and Barty



youtube channel pick

If you are bored with traditional and crowded travel vlogs, this is the place for you. This Husband-wife duo from Manali is in love with travelling and will change your perspective about travelling. From soothing music to soul trails (An Overlanding Journey), you will love them in a single video. They are brilliant videographers, travel bugs and unique in their ways. What else do we want ?

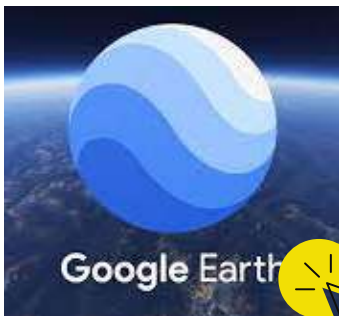
MG Homecoming



youtube pick

This enriching Youtube series by Tripoto will force you to abandon the FOMO of not being able to travel abroad. This series truly embarks on a journey across 'Incredible India'. Travellers Ayush and Aisha embark on this epic road trip to all extremes of the country, be it north, south, east or west India, they have it all !

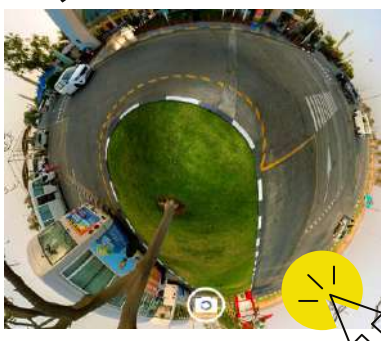
Google Earth



app pick

Not being able to go to that ultimate dream destination because of the pandemic? Well, don't worry because Google Earth has got you covered. It gives you a 3D representation of the earth based primarily on satellite imagery. Just click on the place you want to visit on the virtual globe and the app will take you there. Navigate and enjoy!

P4panorama



virtual tour pick

www.p4panorama.com offers 360 degree virtual tours with background music to various famous places and cities. It gives you a realistic view and allows you to navigate 360 degrees on your device. This virtual reality experience will surely make you crave for more virtual tours! Whichever city you choose, it is wanderlust guaranteed!

CC PICKS OF THE MONTH

UP - 2009 FILM



movie pick

This 2009 American animated movie made by Pixar is emotional, funny, pleasant to watch (with brilliant animation) and involves a love for travelling. The film centers on an elderly widower named Carl Fredricksen and an earnest boy named Russell by tying thousands of balloons to his house, Carl sets out to fulfill his dream to see the wilds of South America and complete a promise made to his late wife, Ellie.

Women who travel



podcast pick

This is a podcast built by women, with an impressive tagline - "Because a woman's place is wherever she chooses." Cond Nast editors Nale Arikoglu and Meredith Carey present to you the reality of travelling as a woman. Food, hospitality, adventure and travel journalism, this podcast has it all!

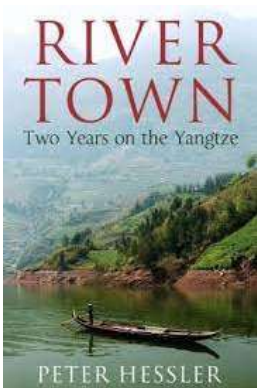
GeoGuessr



travel trivia pick

If you are in love with maps and want to utilise your knowledge in a fun yet informative game, GeoGuessr is just made for you. Choose a broad location like a country or a continent, navigate through the virtual view of the place and mark it on the map. The closer you mark to the actual location, the more points you get!

River Town



audio book pick

This audiobook written by Peter Hessler and narrated by Peter Berkrot is set in the remote town of Fuling amid the hills of the Yangtze River valley, in China. Fuling is heading down a path of change and growth, which came into remarkably sharp focus when Peter Hessler arrived as a Peace Corps volunteer, teaching English literature at the local college and gaining a new perspective on modern China.



Call them misadventures, or downright disasters! These challenging situations make travel fun and give us memories that last a lifetime! Here are some hilarious ones.



Reminiscences

Every trip with the BVC Adventure Club springs surprises on us. These are difficult situations, but mostly hilarious. One adventure story that stands out in our memory is: 'the biggest lie in the hills.' After walking some distance we all wanted to know when would we reach the destination. Every time the answer was, "just 5 minutes more." Children on the Churdhar Trek got the same answer for three hours! But these "five minutes" kept all of us going and that's one lie that was not harmful. After the arduous trek, everyone dozed off immediately. We woke up to find a dog sleeping right next to us in our tent! Though a favourite pastime on these treks is narrating ghost stories during campfires, the best one is where teachers develop a very reliable "khabri" network to catch the mischief mongers during the trek. During the Rampur Bushar trek, through this efficient "khabri" network students were caught smuggling food from the local market late at night. There are many more such incidents that are now part of our sweet and wonderful memories which we all cherish **Mr. Vijay Pal Singh & Mr. Anil Sharma**

Barbecuing with Bears

On an autumn trip to the Smoky Mountains, we discovered a rogue bear right by the lodge we were staying in. One night in Tennessee when some family friends and I had gone to see the fall colours, my father and my uncles decided to whip up a barbecue. It was like the usual fall trip, or so it seemed! Mid-barbecue, my dad spotted a bear hiding behind the trash, observing the food. My dad made his way inside, alerting everyone. It was dark outside but from the windows, I could see that the bear was sitting there watching us, not making a single move. Had the circumstances been different, I would've called it cute. Of course, the uncles couldn't just abandon their barbecue. It would be unjust. They took turns going out, fetching a piece of food with their tongs. Safety aside, food was their priority. A while later the bear went away and, as if nothing had happened, everyone was back barbecuing. **Kriday Mahajan, 7B**



A Fiery Escapade

It started with the innocent plea of a ten-year-old and ended up in property damage. To cut a long story short, we went to Shimla for our vacation. The same guest house which made me gasp in awe would leave me whimpering for forgiveness in the end. On reaching the quaint guest house, I chose to share the room with my elder sister... and we know what happens when two mischievous monsters decide to let their hair down... things start catching fire, in the literal sense. The furniture in the room was possibly from the colonial period—royal couches, wooden logged walls, and the chimney by the fireplace, which despite being prohibited I wanted to light. I begged my sister to fire it up and it wasn't long before she gave in, albeit with immense hesitation. Within minutes the fire had spread and engulfed half the room. It was only after a very quick response by the alert cottage attendants who arrived at the fearful scene armed with extinguishers did we calm down. And all this, to the utter consternation and bewilderment of our parents, who were meekly standing in a corner, their heads hung in shame and misery, which our misdeeds, wrought. What followed subsequently was a saga of cries and a heavy earful which we surely deserved. But, after all these years, in all seriousness, all I can manage to do is have a hearty laugh at the whole episode.



Jayani Ghosh, 10A



A Tryst with the Swedish Metro

We were just getting ready when I got the usual spray of water across my face. Turns out I was hearing- "Pass my shoes", "use the washroom now" in my dreams. We finally got ready to go to the Central Station and then to Gamla Stan (the Old City) which I had heard was mesmerizing. At the Central Station we heard the announcement- "Central Station - Gamla Stan: Arriving shortly at Platform 5". We raced the stairs and saw the train standing calmly. I was in the front followed clumsily by the Tired Three (dad, mom and my pesky young brother). I stepped onto the train just in time for the doors to close the gap between me and dad- I was aboard the train minus my family in a foreign land! I panicked- the emergency button was reduced to a mere decoration. It didn't take long for four students around me to realize that a lot had gone wrong and they immediately sprung into action. My father had already boarded the next train and I saw his frantic face turn to one of relief when he spotted me. We hadn't practised much non-awkward hugging, so none of that melodrama happened but gratitude for the students was beyond what us speechless men could express. All was fine when we both returned to the Despaired Duo. I should have known though that a warm welcome would be followed by endless teasing which continues to date- "How the sleepy guy managed to get one station ahead of us!"

Vedant Saini, 10A





FREEDOM

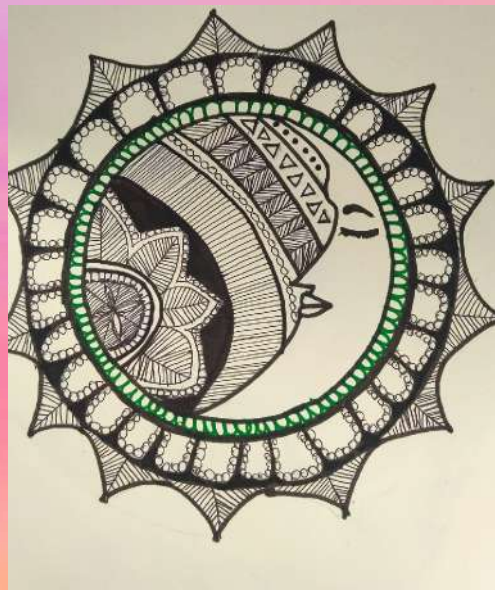
Freedom. For some this term is synonymous with the word 'corpse', while for some with the word 'Fun' and for the others with 'misuse'. For me this is a word that is the essence of life. Our freedom is our weakness as well as our weapon. From youth intoxicated with the newly found power of it, to politicians being high on it and misemploying it for assets and riches, freedom can be a beauty that's dangerous. Freedom is substantial and valuable. Oblivious to us, it seeps into every aspect of life. We have so much of it that we stopped discerning its value. Freedom can be understood by people who are deprived of it. Housewives in villages who still cover their faces with a veil, whether they want to or not, is never allowed to be a part of a question. Girls who are not allowed to pursue their career, whether they are talented or not, never make it to their marriage résumé. Students, who, under the pressure of matching to the status quo, are not allowed to choose the stream of their choice and caliber. Whether they

are content with or not it is never allowed to be a part of the reason for their low grades. For me freedom is my power. Freedom is my inspiration. It teaches me the values of life. It teaches me that my words can only temporarily be muffled and ropes that bind me to deprive me of certain things that, I legally have the right to are vulnerable to the knife imbibed with the poison of freedom. It tells me that the sky is not my limit as long as I follow the unspoken rules of humanity. I cannot think of living in a world without it. I breathe it, I live with it. I use it everyday to break free of the demons of this society. I know that I have freedom to decide what career I pursue, what religion I follow, who I love, whether I want to follow society and some of its bizarre rules. I construe freedom as means to express my opinion and build my future, freedom is the ability to be true to my own ideas and principles. Freedom is the best thing that humanity can give me.

AADYA KANWAR, 8C



NARAYANI, 9C



SAUMYA BANSAL, 10C



SHREYA LAMBA, 8C

JOURNEY OF A DROP

Who so ever says
 "Journey of a drop is easy "
 Then before reading this
 make yourself cozy
 Starting with a huge thunder
 Under the scorching sun
 where the wave will end, I wonder
 Slowly-slowly, I go up in the sky,
 Questioning why,
 Why I am a drop of water?
 Oh! Down the field, waiting for me,
 Down rained my friend.
 But me still wandering
 Where I will end
 Now came the mountaineers,
 Laughing and travelling with ease.
 Me, trying to tease.
 Finally, snowed down.
 Oh wait !
 Troubling me is fun
 For this scorching sun.
 He melted me
 And I came down
 Through the town
 Me back to the journey which is tough.
 "Enough "
 I said
 But I don't have a choice.

ASHU GARG, 8A



SANYA KANSAL, 10A



VAISHNAVI E P, 11A2

DO DALIT LIVES MATTER? AN INDISPENSABLE PROCEEDING.



Caste was never a way to classify the person as inferior. Many laws, revolts, riots, defrayal took place. Some carped British decree, some groused conformist mentality for believing in four varna system. Things happened and passed but what matters is today and tomorrow. From Kilvenmani Massacre in 1968 to Hathras Gang Rape and Murder in 2020, Dalits are always under mayhem. 11% rape cases are of Dalits. Also 56% criminal victims in 2019. Why is one caste flagrantly victimized? Dispassionate laws, firm phases of community boycotts, fixed chastisement against the criminals, & providing education are ways to uplift them. A change can

never be expected unless the temperament of people changes, because Dalits have to live with Indians rather than with the law system. An eternal change is needed. Equality is more than a word in India.

MOULI CHAWLA, 11A2

SEEN AND UNFORESEEN

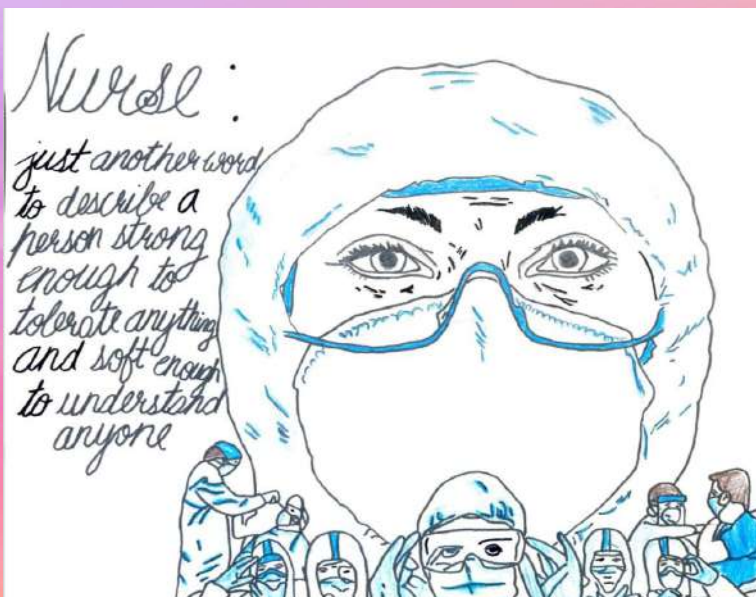
In this interconnected and globalised world of ours, a plethora of information regarding basically anything is merely a click away. It's easy for anyone to come on the Internet and post something for everyone to see. "Perfectly balanced as all things should be" is an apt quote for this type of flexibility. While this undoubtedly makes it convenient for anyone to post their opinions, it also makes it very easy for people to spread fake news and make money off people's fears.

Many people, seeing the opportunity, are spreading fake news through Whats app forwards or doctored photographs to elicit strong emotions among people. This can be hate, fear, panic etc. This can also be used to induce false hope with (false) news like the cure for Coronavirus can be prepared at home. Surely, awareness

on this issue would be a welcome step. Nevertheless, I think the first step would be to educate ourselves to check the accuracy of the news. Developing our critical thinking skills would go a long way to do that. We should get our news from various (credible) sources which would get us different viewpoints on every issue. It would also play a part in broadening our perspective of things. Fighting COVID is equal to fighting this totally human-engineered war against fake news. "An aware society is the first step towards a prosperous society".



**VISHVENDRA
SINGH, 10E**



EKAM LALLI, 6A



RIDDHI, 9D

MY MIND V/S ME

When I start pondering over "THE UNCHANGED or CHANGING PARADIGMS OF FRIENDSHIP"

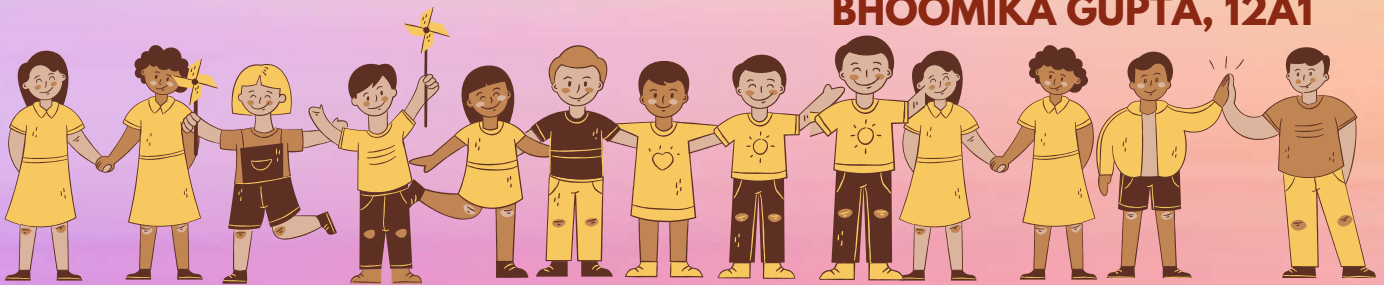
My mind instantly says 'Time changes it all',
My heart (more precisely I) doesn't tend to agree,
Then my mind, with all its enthusiasm puts forward its argument,
"Your fingers miss those firm handshakes, the tender touch unlikely to fade,
Your chest is still in awe of the warmest hugs,
Your ears long for the most humorous whispers and never ending calls,
Your eyes wanna see those then usual lovely charming faces again",
This leaves my heart speechless,
Having no statement to put forward, it gives in with utmost disappointment
and hopelessness.

Trying to reconcile myself, I look back at those inks of memories- some amazing and
some not so pretty photographs yet so beautiful!

My heart strides back to where the mind rests and continues the debate,
" My eyes, almost cathartic, shine as brightly as they can,
I am overwhelmed with love and joy when my fingers scroll over the captured
moments embedded forever on screen and in me,

Our loud laughs echo in my ears,
Those fondest memories bring the widest smile on my lips,
Yes, time has changed it all except the happiness and peace they
knowingly/unknowingly brought to me!"

BHOOMIKA GUPTA, 12A1



SWADHA SONDHI, 12C2



RIAN MAKAR, 8B






SAMARTH SINGH, 10C

Humour Me!

Of Jokes and Jestings

Created by Riti Krishnan, 12A2



MY HEART <small>COVID EDITION</small>	
ALONE IN MY ROOM WATCHING GENERIC NETFLIX STUFF	
WALK OUTSIDE TO THE CONVENIENCE STORE	
GO TO MANALI	

TRAVEL WORD SEARCH

Compiled by Varuni Raghav 8c

N G I S P O T S X G J Z D V R
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 R S F K T A O B N B E B T B Z

BILLBOARD
 BOAT
 BRIDGE
 BUS
 CAR WASH
 GAS STATION
 HOTEL
 MOTORCYCLE
 PLANE
 POLICE CAR
 REST STOP
 ROAD WORK
 SPORTS CAR
 STATE LINE
 STOP SIGN
 TAXI CAB
 TOW TRUCK
 TRAIN
 YIELD SIGN



Guess these Disney movies by their emoticons!

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Answers will be revealed in the next edition!

Crossword Results

The first three correct entries to last month's crossword puzzle came from:

POORVI MITTAL 12A2
 SHREYA KODAN 8D
 DESHNA JAIN 11A1



Words mean nothing and everything to me.

At this very moment, they are a hazy droning in my head as the people in the Newsroom scream in terror and run away from something. I know what that something is, and I should be running away right now too; but my eyes are fixed at the big screen at the top with the flashing headlines.

Suddenly, someone pushes past me and I break into a run towards the exit.

When I finally step outside, it hits me with full force.

The world is ending.

I dash home. It is a mess at the moment with people trying to outrun the apocalypse. Tears start building up as my trembling figure climbs the staircase to the 16th floor of my building desperately. I come to a screeching halt as I open the door and look inside.

There she is, setting the speakers in the dimly lit mauve room. Lavender scented candles line up the windows. The world here is so different from the world I came running from.

Did she even hear the news?

"I did," she laughs. "But don't you worry about that."

She took one of my shaking hands in hers and put the other on her shoulders. Tears cascade down like waterfall over her blouse.

A horrendous boom sounds outside. I become inconsolable as sobs wrack my body.

"I d-don't want to d-"

Her fingers gently touch my lips. Our eyes meet – grey with a tinge of ocean blue, the kind you'd see on a happy Beach Day.

But this isn't a happy Beach Day. It's D-Day.

"Dance with me," she whispers.

If this would've been a happy Beach Day, I'd have given her, quite ironically, my typical death stare. But the look I give to her right now is adulterated with the fear of actual death.

She turns the speakers on. Music starts to resonate across the room.

"If the dreams we made are made of fire"

The fire alarms go crazy as the world goes up in flames.

"I would give a life just to live the dream again"

My heart aches as I think of the future we had planned, now just a dream.

"If our hearts are hanging on a wire"

Let's forget the world below and dance until the end"

I put my ear to her erratically beating heart. I know she's just as scared under her careless demeanor. Another explosion sounds in a building a few meters away.

"Remember when I told you I'd always wished you could slow dance with me?" I whispered.

"And you never let me because you hated to dance," my voice trailed.

Countless Anniversary dinners went by when I would plead to her, hoping she would give in.

In our final moments, she is finally fulfilling my wish and dancing with me. Even though this would be our Last Dance.

*"Let's dance
Our last dance
Let's d....."*

Words still mean nothing and everything to me. At present, they are what grounds me as her hushed whisperings struggle to overpower the sounds of destruction.



Poll Results

We asked for your go-to songs as per the travel locations. Here's what we got!

Road Trip Songs

Closer

Old town road

Cruel summer

Uptown funk

Hill Side Songs

Willow

Golden

Castle on the hill

We fell in love in october

Beach Songs

Cake by the ocean

Good Vibes

California gurls

Some beach

0

25

50

75

100



he rraawwwrr



peek-a-boo



say cheese!



sleepy cat



grumpy kitty



snowy day!



literally a snowball



new friend?

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