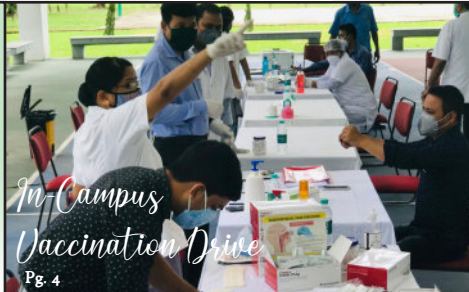


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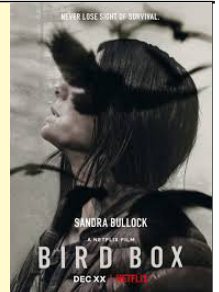
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A LUCKY BID

Ojas Krish, XI H

It's officially been 3 months since USA President Joe Biden took to the White House, taking it from the infamous and often polarizing figure, Donald Trump. In a victory that was welcomed by many across the world, let's take a look at how his reign has shaped up to been this relatively short time-span. A lot can happen in three months.

What Biden has done so far in his tenure is mainly reverse changes made by Donald Trump. Biden was Vice President to Barack Obama, so it's no surprise that their policies align. One of Biden's first moves was to rejoin the Paris Climate Accords, a treaty from which Donald Trump controversially withdrew USA from. He also stopped funding for the infamous Mexico border wall, one of Trump's most ambitious projects. He also reversed a few of Trump's takes on employee discipline and Union office space.

However, Biden's other significant actions relate to the COVID 19 pandemic, the worst infectious disease to affect the USA in over a century. He approved a federal mask mandate, and reinstated USA corporation with the WHO, and accepted a 200-page National Pandemic Response Strategy from the administration. He also used the Defense Production Act to speed up vaccination trials and distribute the many vaccines. One of his most significant approaches to dealing with the pandemic was the \$1.9 trillion stimulus cheque, which was to be distributed to the citizens. He is a huge

proponent of WHO's basic response strategies; such as social distancing, wearing masks and sanitization. He also supports a 15\$ minimum wage, a point of contention for all citizens.

His main criticisms come from his handling of the Israel-Palestine issue, where he shows unwavering support for Israel, and even doubling down on military aid, even when their attacks on the Gaza Strip became

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a worldwide political issue. Many members of his own party have criticized him for this, and many of his voters are having second thoughts after seeing such events play out.

However, with three months gone and plenty of time left, much is still to be observed about Biden and his plans for one of the world's most influential countries.

WHY Z?

-Shripriya Kajaria, XII C

The habit of nicknaming generations of people altogether has been going on for years. These generations are demarcated by characteristics unique to each. While it is difficult to pinpoint the first generation ever to be labelled, it is said to have begun in 1964 after the second world war. The generation X, 1965-1980 was termed “baby busters” owing to the decline in birth rate compared to its previous generation, “baby boomers”. The millennial generation is termed so because they saw the rise of the internet, as their dependence on technology increased, they took pride in that and hence the entire generation is said to be entitled. No one likes labels and it is insane to label someone into a particular category, depending on the year they were born. How can an entire generation exhibit the same characteristics? However, this argument started to decline when our generation, the GENZ, was to take over.

Despite our generation being called the most individualistic generation, we all see certain characteristics which are defining the current times. Owing to the current rate of consumption and the extreme pressure which has developed in the environment a

power struggle in the future is inevitable. Ever wondered why the last alphabet, of all the other possible alphabets? Scientifically, ours is the last generation to have all the resources available. Depletion of the natural resources, fossil fuels, clean air, the ice caps is the immediate future. Us, the most developed and advanced generation are still unaware of this fact. Or it is our arrogance which will lead to the complete and absolute damage of our home, our planet the EARTH.

It is still not too late for us, not my generation specifically, but us, the ecosystem of the generations to take action. Let us all do our bit in saving the environment and developing sustainably. Lets not rob the future generations of the beauty of the planet. While climate change will continue to reshape our landscapes let us not give it the power to destroy it. It is important for us now, more than ever, to reduce the commercial fishing in the ocean, stop using the single use plastic, and not exploit the water in our taps, the electricity which runs our homes. There are future generations who need it just as much as we do, let us not rob them of this.

16 SEASONS

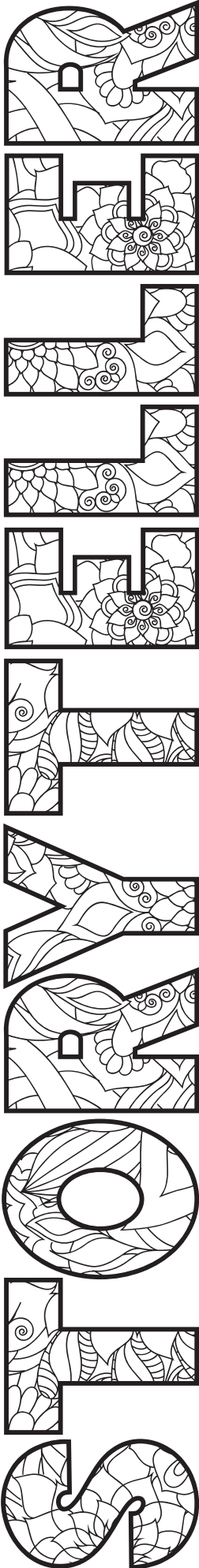
-Adella Massar, XI H

Shakespeare once said, “All the world’s a stage, and all the men and women merely players: they have their exits and their entrances” meaning that the world is like a stage and we all have a part to play in it. This stage can be exciting but it can also be a terrifying place especially for a teenager. It is a cutthroat world out there for a 16 year old in the 21st century but of course, that is my point of view! I was always a shy girl growing up and I lacked confidence. I have come to the realization that this will pull me down: being shy for the rest of my life would lead to many missed opportunities and regrets. I can speak on behalf of most of the teenagers when I say that we are like lost ships at sea, we have no idea what we want to be or what the future holds for us. We walk through life trying to figure out our roles and responsibilities, hoping that one day we’ll know our place and where we truly belong. When you’re 16 you feel like you are stuck between school and college, somewhere between being a child and becoming an adult. Looking back at the years in middle school, life used to be much easier than it is now. When we think about going to a university, we realise that we’re growing real fast and

that there is absolutely nothing we can do to stop it. It is only now that I really understand the phrase, ‘Time waits for no one’. We know that we have got two more years of high school and then after that we’re off to college. We need to work hard in order to get into good colleges. As easy as that sounds, it really is not because as teenagers in this century we face many obstacles that disturbs our mental health. We are emotionally driven and sometimes we feel like we’re not heard. We tend to over think about the future rather than focusing in the present. We face challenges and we are aware that it is only going to get harder as we grow older. Sometimes we just wish that we could turn back time and be carefree little children again. We really do appreciate our parents for doing what they do to keep us happy and we know that being adults is not an easy job. The thought of growing into an adult with a job and a family is a role that I know I will have to take on one day. That is just how the world works and yes, that scares me. However, I will live in the moment with no regrets, play my role as a 16 year old and cherish every moment of it until I move onto the next act.

THREE LETTERS

-Neelabh Kashyap, Associate Editor



“There are records, apparently, that the general slaughtered all of his kith and kin; killed his wife and only son, right before setting off so that he would not be distracted by their thoughts while in battle. He had already donned on his red armour – hence, when he rode into battle on his white mare, wielding that dripping katana on his hand, and the specks of crimson blood glistening on his armour in the light of the morning sun – he looked just like a bloodthirsty daemon that had been let loose. A single cry from him instilled fear and respect in the hearts of the 100,000-strong Imperial army that marched behind him.

On the way to the battlefield, they stopped at a village called Ihara. There, the general sat down in a stall and drank green tea and ate rice cakes and watched the geisha dance to the tunes of the shamisen. He became infatuated with one of the dancers, a girl named Aiko. Aiko was beautiful, with luscious hair that fell down to her waist and an innocent child-like face. She danced with flair and her movements were as graceful as a kun-peng jumping on the tranquil surface of a lake in pale moonlight.

He called for her after the performance was over. They enjoyed the earthy taste of the green tea and spoke for a long while, watching the red sun disappear behind fields of ripe, golden paddy. When it was dawn, and the dew had yet to trickle down the grass, the general sat in a seiza position, and looked at the sleeping face of the one he had fallen in love with. He gently woke her up and told her of the fate that awaited her.

“Why?” was all that she said. “Because I must win the battle,” replied the general. “I understand.” Aiko didn’t try to reject her fate, even if she didn’t understand. Moreover, how could she? On one side was a strong and powerful general and on the other, a frail maiden like her. However, she did ask him for something.

She told him that she had once come across a dead postman, whose letters she now carried on her body. There were twenty-four and she had delivered most of them, but three still remained. She wanted him to complete her made-up mission – a last, lingering wish of hers before she died. The general swore in the name of the Emperor that her wish would be fulfilled. Aiko said that she held no more regrets and closed her eyes, as the general ran his katana across her beautiful neckline. The general then set off for the battlefield.”

“But they never won the battle, right?” Willis interrupted Tanaka-san’s story. Tanaka-san, sitting on the plush sofa directly across him, nodded his egg-shaped head. “Then weren’t the deaths of the general’s family and the geisha girl all for naught?” Willis asked again.

Tanaka-san looked at the set of bright red samurai armour lying on the table between them and sighed, before continuing, “You see, the general never went to the battlefield. He had ventured deep into the enemy heartlands on the day of the battle to deliver the letters, where he was ambushed and killed. He put up a brave fight, taking down three dozen enemies with him before finally succumbing. Without his presence in the battlefield, his army fell like a paper castle.”

“Are you kidding me?!” Clearly, Willis wasn’t impressed by the reason of the defeat. “The massacre of an entire army and the fall of an empire – all for the sake of what? Three letters?! And what about them? Did the general even manage to deliver them?”

Tanaka-san very gently took out three pieces of parchment from the chest-plate of the armour and placed them on the table. “You could say, in a way, that they did reach their addresses. Only they were unreadable. They were stained with the general’s blood, and the blood of thirty other soldiers.”

IN-CAMPUS VACCINATION DRIVE

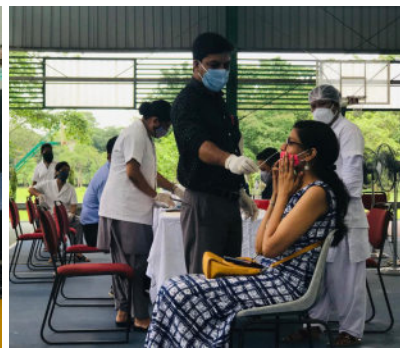


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CAMPUS NEWS

Grasp Of Science For A Cause

KAMP is an Initiative of CSIR and National Institute of Science Technology and Development Studies (NISTADS). 311 students from AVS appeared in the KAMP-NASTA (National Assessment for Scientific Temperament and Aptitude) 2020 Online test on the 27th and the 4th of February, 2021. Having participated in this exam for the first time we are proud to announce that we have a State winner and six District Toppers. Over 56,000 students from more than 2500 schools across India participated in this Test. The following are details of achievements.

1. Vasuman Lohia (class 11) – State topper
2. Ronia Dutta Roy (class 5) – District topper
3. Sivdatta Thanjam (class 6) – District topper
4. Krishna Agarwal (class- 8) – District topper
5. Aditya Panigrahi (class- 9) – District topper
6. Utkarsh Agarwal (class- 11)- District topper
7. Ethanael Kharkongor (class-12)- District topper

Taking a Shot

The School Medical Team under the leadership of Dr. Dimple Baruah with the support of the local authorities held a vaccination drive for those in the community between the age group of 18-44 years'. The drive was held over the 11th, 12th and 13th of June on campus and saw over two hundred individuals receive their first jabs. With its proactive steps and meticulous planning, The Medical Team has got the entire Faculty, Staff as well as Support Staff vaccinated in its effort to ensure the safety and sanctity of the campus and the community. We salute the Medical Team for their effort and dedication.



The Department of Environmental Studies in collaboration with the Admin Team organized a plantation drive within the campus on the occasion of World Environment Day on the 5th of June. The Staff took time off their schedule to plant saplings and catch a few moments in the outdoors.



Dripping Colours

The results of the Upper School Inter-House Art Competition:

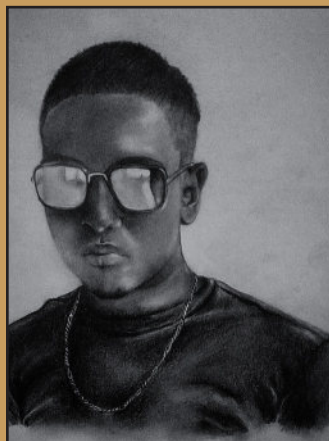
1st- Kopili /Dhansiri

2nd Bhoroli / Lohit

3rd - Jinari/Manas

4th- Subansiri /Namdang

The winning entries were Nilasha Bhimsaria (Kopili) and Sourav Kondal (House Captain, Dhansiri) .



The Quarantine Watchlist

Ripple #165

-Marwati Imsong, XII

*His pilgrimage took him
from one pyre to another.*

*As a Dom he allowed
them passage of death
while they brought him
peace.*

Feeling sick and tired of the same four walls at home? Well grab your popcorn and immerse yourself in the world of media, here is a list of some of our suggestions:

US (2019) : A psychological thriller where the Wilsons meet with their lookalikes dressed in red and armed with a sharp weapon of gold. It leaves one puzzled between who the antagonist is.

COCO (2017) : An animated slice-of-life movie about a young boy born in a Mexican family of shoemakers who crosses the bridge that separating the living and the dead to chase his distant dream.

BIRDBOX (2018) : The thriller is about a mysterious force that possesses people if they see it. Malorie sets on a journey to escape and protect the two children who happen to be her only kins to survive.

ETERNAL SUNSHINE OF A SPOTLESS MIND (2004) : A sci-fi romance featuring the evergreen actress Kate Winslet and Jim Carrey in a twisted story that plays with human psyche.

Keep It Reel!

Red Roofed Residence

-Mr. Tapash Das, Department Of Math



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