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THE FLAG, THE FIGHT

-Calvin Iron, XII

The NSCN-IM is all set to resume the peace dialogue with the Central government over the Framework Agreement which was signed in the year 2015. The outfit had been upset with the Centre's interlocutor AK Mishra for omitting potentially important points that his predecessor RN Ravi had included in his formulated papers earlier. The talks had stalled after interlocutor Mishra had dropped three points that had been agreed upon between former interlocutor Ravi and the NSCN-IM, which the insurgent group had objected to. The Centre's deadline for peace talks had expired on 31st October, 2019 without any accord being signed, following which the NSCN-IM had a falling-out with Ravi, who was replaced with Mishra as the interlocutor in January 2020. Ravi was subsequently appointed as the Tamil Nadu Governor.

Among other issues, a key sticking point in the negotiations between the two sides has been an apparent impasse over the Naga flag. While the central government offered to accept the flag as a cultural symbol, the NSCN-IM said it was not "impressed" by the idea. The Naga issue, they claim, was not a cultural issue and that the Government of India should not label the Naga flag as a cultural symbol and forgo the

Naga political identity. The NSCN-IM had said earlier, maintaining that this flag was not "just a piece of cloth" but a "symbol" of the Naga people's "pride and values". The rebel group also squarely rejected the central government's proposal of post-facto resolution of issues pertaining to the Naga flag and the Naga Constitution, which the former has been demanding all along following the peace agreement. On the 14th of September this year, the NSCN-IM and the NNPGs issued a joint statement; saying that the "Covenant of Recommendation" signed by late Isak Chishi Swu, late SS Khaplang, and S Singnya on June 13, 2009 would be honoured in letter and in spirit. The two bodies also urgently appealed to all individuals and organizations to refrain from all forms of rhetoric, assumptions and agendas that were divisive. Though NSCN - IM is demanding for a special status, the dialogue with the Central government failed after its demand for expansion of land by reuniting all the Naga inhabited areas of the North East India into a Greater Nagalim. Considering that all states in the North East are vehemently opposed to such a proposition, the NSCN- IM seems to have lost their plot as well as steam both within and outside the state.

A NEW CELEBRATION

-Nivaan Lal Baruah, VIII

At AVS, the period of time from 1st September till about 23rd October is really busy. The whole school takes part in one thing or the other. As a newcomer at first, I wondered what made Founders' so special to all the students and staff. These days are special, I realised, because this is when we celebrate ourselves as being an Aviator. Over the three days, students and the teachers put in their utmost effort in displaying numerous wonderful programmes for parents and our most dear Headmaster. There are many activities that students take part in during the time of Founders'. There is - English and Hindi play, Indian vocal, Western vocal, folk, and classical dances, aeromodelling, ICT and many others. During Founders' we get so busy, that there is little time to spend on ourselves. Although Founders' time has a hectic schedule, it is also fun working together with our friends and not to forget, teachers. Just the week before Founders' celebrations begin, regular classes and prep time comes to a stop. Everyone has their practice sessions from 9.00 a.m to 1.10p.m. We also participate in sporting events such as dumbbell drills, pyramids, and archery. Dry-runs for each activity are held and overseen with strict rigor. After that, it all begins.... FOUNDERS' CELEBRATIONS! After all those exhausting day and night practices of respective activities, the food courts open and we are truly happy! Post-Founders' we go on a short exeat and come back to school rejuvenated. It is a happy time and I look forward to the next Founders' which I hope races here soon.

NOT STRONG ENOUGH

-Vidhi Choudhury XI

Ever since I was born,
My room painted pink.
Was given dolls and
My family sharing a drink.
Finally with my childhood over,
Leaving my dreams behind,
Weaving kitchen utensils with hand and signs,
Feeding the cry of my family with society's expectations hindered
Because being a girl, my dreams had to be surrendered.
Dressing a certain way,
With my shoulders and waist wrapped,
Keeping my personal feelings trapped,
Sitting around with my legs closed,
And my voice softened,
My walk slowed with grace,
Being taught the do's and don'ts,
Felt like a battle every morning,
Looking into the mirror reflecting myself
Felt like shattered wine glass on the shelf,
Having a smile like a sealed envelope,
Meeting my own shadow felt like teetering on a slope.
Being in this never-ending race,
And yet somehow,
The society screams at my face:
You are a girl,
Still not strong enough!



Introducing

AVE: What philosophy do you live by?

CSK: The philosophy of my life is simple: If you believe in yourself then nothing can stop you from achieving anything in life.

AVE: What is the thing you're looking forward to the most during your time in AVS?

CSK: I look forward to creating a positive and energetic mentality in every student. Be it in academics or sports.

AVE: If you were an Aviator, which house do you think you would be in?

CSK: Without any thought it would be Manas, there are two reasons behind this. The first one is students over here are so sincere, cooperative, supportive and very athletic and the second reason is I am a newcomer here and Manas welcomed me with open arms. As my first house, I already have some attachments and good connections with Manas house.

AVE: How would you like to contribute to The Assam Valley School?

CSK: To give my 100% , I want to build a constant and powerful sports environment in AVS so that we can produce some professional level athletes in the future.

The Assam Valley School welcomes Mr Chandra Shekhar Kumar, as a new member of the Department Of Sports. AVE got to have chat with him.



The Assam Valley School welcomes Mr Subhash Chand, as a new member of the Department Of Chemistry. AVE got to have chat with him.

AVE: What philosophy do you live by?

SC: I am still getting to know myself and the person I want to grow into. Practicing mindfulness helps me stay connected to the source of my actions. I believe a teacher lives to serve. A teacher is dedicated to learning, to his discipline, to his students, and to making the future the best possible place for all of us to live.

AVE: What is the thing you're looking forward to the most during your time in AVS?

SC: I look forward to making this opportunity a great learning experience. I am looking for more exposure and professional growth to make this experience a healthy one.

AVE: If you were an Aviator, which house do you think you would be in?

SC: Technically I am not ready to answer this question at this moment but diplomatically my answer would be Lohit as I have been associated with this house as a resident tutor.

AVE: How would you like to contribute to The Assam Valley School?

SC: I would like to work on the scientific temperament of students so that they just don't study science subjects to pass the exams but make science part of their day-to-day life which is only possible if there is deep learning of fundamentals and scientific principles. I would like to nurture innovative skills in Aviators so that they are able to use knowledge and skills to solve problems of society.



THE OUTPOST

Jaishankar’s meeting with his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov has the world hoping that India can play the peace emissary amidst rising nuclear tensions. Mid-Term election in the USA hints at a possible loss for Biden and the Democrats even as the Republicans cry foul over rising inflation. Amidst the many corruption charges that the Mamata government faces, a new PIL has brought to light the TMC’s forced occupation of the heritage building Jorasanko Thakurbari, the ancestral home of the Tagore’s and now a museum, which TMC intends to use as its party office adding salt to the bhodrolok’s despair.



CAMPUS NEWS

YOUNG & BRIGHTER IPSC IT FEST CHAMP UNDER 30

We are happy to announce that alumnus Puspak Chamariya, Manas, ISC Batch of 2014, has been recognised as ‘Young and Bright Champ Under 30 for the year 2022’ by EQ International Pro Magazine in Booming India’s Solar Industry. Hearty Congratulations to Puspak and his proud parents!

The All India Online IPSC IT Fest was conducted by the Welham Boys', Dehradun on the 14th and 15th of October, 2022. The competition saw 27 participating schools. With 39 points the AVS contingent stood second and the following is a result at a glance. Many congratulations to the IT team and their mentors.



- 1. Shape the Photo: 3rd Position: Yash Raj Agarwal, Class 12
 - 2. Computer Programming: 2nd Position: Kushagra Dhelia, 12
- Overall Ranking: 2nd with 39 points: The Assam Valley School



SHRADHANJALI

On the 5th of November, the AVS community offered Shradhanjali to Dr Bhupen Hazarika. The community came together in an open air meet to light the lamp and offer a floral tribute to the Bard of Brahmaputra whose legend continues to resonate amongst us to this day. After a brief introduction, the Department of Assamese in collaboration with the Indian Music Department presented Sudhakontho 's popular numbers sung by a choir comprising students and teachers.



CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

The Department of English conducted a Creative Writing workshop on the 7th of November, 2022 for classes 9&11 in order to pique interest in creative writing among young learners and to enhance their skills. The resource person was Dr. Sarita Sharma, an author, poet, translator, and Keynote speaker. She is Editor-in-chief of TAFFD's -Magazine of the Future. She is also a Board Director of Trans-Disciplinary Agora for Future Discussions, USA. Dr. Sharma gave the students an insight into enhancing imagination and how reading plays the most crucial role in this. One of the activities the students did was to create short stories on the spot. The session was interactive and engaging and had students put on their thinking and writing caps.

HINDI POETRY RECITATION

The Department of Hindi organised the prestigious Upper School Individual Poetry Recitation Competition on the 7th of November at the WMH. The afternoon brought forth a reservoir of talent seeing a spectrum of poetry from original poems to Harivanshrai Banchan and other legends. The results are as follows:

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| 1- Aditya Kumar Upadhyay | 1st |
| 2- Ojasvi Agarwal | 2nd |
| 3- Anushka Jitani | 3rd |
| 4- Anvita Dey | Consolation Prize |
| 5- Aakanksha Kumar | Consolation Prize |

SPEECH TROPHY COMPETITION

On a pleasant evening of the 5th of November, AVS came together to listen to a group of fifteen budding orators in the prestigious Upper School Individual Speech Trophy Competition 2022, organised under the guidance of Dr. Pooja Jain Benjamin and the Department of English. The most exciting element of this event is that it brings forth speakers from across the student community, most of whom take to the podium for the very first time. This year the topics as always were varied and covered a large spectrum of interest. The speeches were as entertaining as they were thought provoking and kept the audience engaged. Many congratulations to the winners. The results are as follows:

- 1st Position- Hana S. Ahmed, Class 11, 'Gen Z'
2nd Position- Kaezax Kholie, Class 11, 'Gaming as a career'
3rd Position- Devanshi Deka, Class 11, 'Traditions and Culture' and Diksha Baruah, Class 11, 'Siblings'



INTERNATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Shrey Modi, CDT Captain, of Class 12 has won the 2022 International Photography Competition on the theme "Bamboo for Sustainable Development". The competition was organised by National Chung Cheng University, Taiwan and the South Asia Bamboo Foundation, India.



Ripple #195

-Emidaka Rapsang, XI

"Write," it wailed in pain.

*"Write! Write! Write," screamed
the voice of decay.*

*"Write about the grave you dug,
unwashed mud in your fingertips
and blood on your hands."*

*"Write about your unwritten
words, your dizzy distant lands."*

Tongue Of Slip!!

1. "The water is colding" - Sampada Malpani, XII (And your brain is freezing)
2. "Remember day before last year"- Raghav Agarwal, XII (That's a lot of days.)
3. "I had sad balad" - Kemo Dulom, XI (Gym Tips not helping?)
4. "Am I understood what i am saying"-Ms Sarmistha Paul Sarkar (That's the last thing I'll understand)"
5. "Read up on your brushing" - Dr Pooja Jain Benjamin (And you should read up on your English.)

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