

# 74th rEPUBLIC DAY

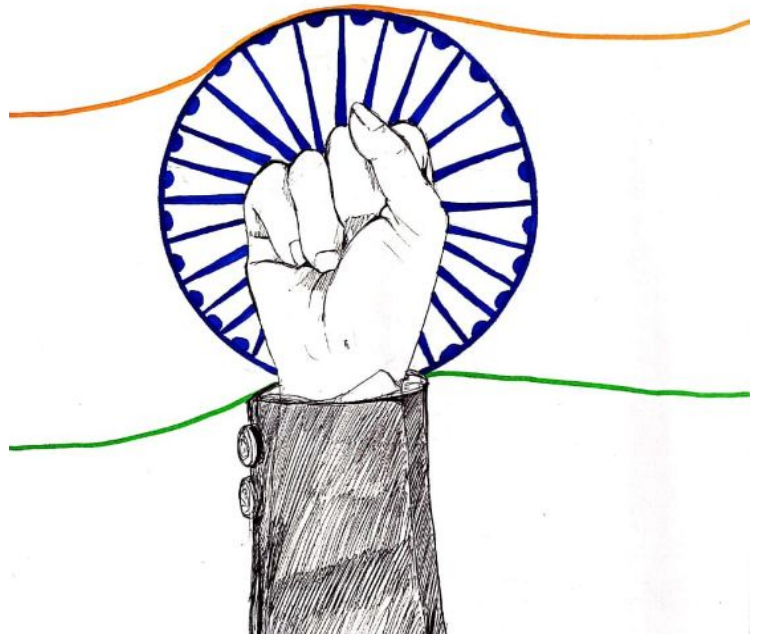


Illustration: Immalemma Imchen, XI

-Ansala Phurailatpam, XI

On a cold December night of the year 1929, the congress gathered under the leadership of a young aspirational freedom fighter, who stood tall amongst a crowd of stalwarts. His was a name that would stay reputed and inscribed on the hearts of every single Indian to come, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. In the Lahore Session of December, 1929, the Congress decided to declare the 26th of January, 1930 as the day that will mark the freedom of India from British Rule. Every year on the 26th day of January India celebrates her republic day to commemorate the sacrifice and resilience of the freedom fighters because of whom we stand together as a proud and free country. A goal set, with a mission in mind, the deep fire sparked in every corner of the country, ignited by the leaders then and those who came before, the stage

was set for a head-on confrontation between the enslaved Indians against the British Raj. The land was to thrum to the Civil Disobedience Movement that will shake the foundations of the British empire. Twenty years later, on January 26th, the Indian Constitution came into effect, establishing India as an independent republic. After 73 years, the twenty sixth day of January continues to signify the raging unquenchable spirit of India. People all over the nation come out in colorful parades, painted saffron, white, and green, praise and love adorning each one's lips in different melodies. The event also pays homage to the martyrs who have sacrificed their lives for the country. The Prime Minister of India honors them with a 21-gun salute followed by the hoisting of the national flag and the

national anthem rings from every corner of the land. This year, as part of the effort to remove practices reminiscent of the colonial-era and highlight only indigenous equipment and weapon systems, the Army's British-era 25-pounder guns—which traditionally provided the symbolic 21-gun salute to the President of India and the National Flag on Republic Day—will be replaced by the indigenous 105-mm Indian Field Guns (IFG). India is a democratic nation. Citizens of such nations are free to choose their leaders and govern their own lives. This annual commemoration on January 26th serves as a constant reminder of our rights and the history that has allowed us to enjoy the comforts we do today. Republic Day is celebrated to mark the day when liberty, equality, fraternity and justice became the foundation of the people of India.

# The Champion of Freedom

-Ojasvi Agarwal, XI

Illustration: Anoti Kinimi, XI



The 23rd of January 2023 is a special day in the calendar not only because it is the 124th birthday of the legend who sparked a feverish devotion when he roared, "Give me blood, and I will give you freedom." This day is special because it is the birthday of the person who showed that sacrifices when made, if forgotten, will remain buried in the collected consciousness of a people who will never forget. Netaji Subash Chandra Bose, one of the most powerful freedom fighters of India continues to inspire this country and remains one of the most beloved sons of the soil. Netaji is known around the world as the 'Global Hero of Freedom,' a title he rightfully deserves for his extraordinary contribution to India's freedom struggle. Not only did his ideas, courage, and motivational speeches inspire Indians, but also all patriotic citizens of oppressed third-world countries. He ended the debate era and gave those with weak wills strength. While Netaji's stature as a thinker and a leader is unparalleled, he did skirt controversy during his time. While his naysayers tried to tag him as a Fascist because of his visit to Germany, truth is Netaji remained a socialist to the core with the well-being of his people and the betterment of his country at the forefront of all his actions. He was a visionary whose vision and aspirations for India was a land of the just. The statue of Netaji at Kartavya Path, is the milestone the country has achieved. It remains also the clarion call to the country to embark on the many miles left to ensure this becomes the country Netaji had envisaged. "Success always stands on the pillar of failure." Bose lived by this philosophy, teaching us that nothing in life comes easily and that we must always take two steps backwards before taking a leap. Netaji will always be remembered as a hero for his ideals and remarkable achievements. His unwavering patriotism never fails to inspire and remind us of our commitment to this country. Readings of Netaji's remarks, as well as his life and contributions to the freedom struggle, will be remembered as powerful examples of patriotism and nationalism.

# 2022 at a glance

-Hana Shanifer Ahmed, XI

## AVATAR

'Avatar: The Way of Water', James Cameron's highly anticipated film, was finally released on December 16th, 2022. People have waited thirteen years since the release of the first film for this sequel. The plot revolves around Jake Sully and Ney'tiri starting a family and facing odds to stay together. They leave their home in the forest and travel throughout Pandora. When a long-forgotten menace reappears, Jake is forced to engage in a challenging conflict with humans.

## FIFA:

The first World Cup was staged in the Arab region and the second was held fully in Asia after the 2002 tournament in South Korea and Japan, the FIFA World Cup was held in Qatar from November 20th, 2022, to December 18th, 2022. The games were incredibly intriguing, with Mbappé scoring a hat trick in the Final Match. After defeating France in the penalty shootout, Argentina was declared the winner.



## VIVIENNE WESTWOOD DEATH

Vivienne Westwood, a pioneering British fashion designer who popularised punk and new wave elements with her creations starting in the 1970s, passed away on the 29th of December, 2022 in Clapham, South London. She was 81. The statement claimed she passed away "peacefully and surrounded by family."

## Politics

### THE NEW FACE OF BRITISH POLITICS

Rishi Sunak was chosen on October 25, 2022, to lead the governing Conservative Party and become Britain's Prime Minister. At the age of 42 years, he is the first person of Indian descent to serve as UK's Prime Minister.

### END OF AN ERA

The 96 year reign of Queen Elizabeth came to an end at 15:10 British Standard Time on September 8th, 2022. She passed away from old age, at Balmoral Castle. The Queen's long tenure left an impact not only on the Britons but also on people across the world who will remember her fondly. At 18:30, word of her passing was made public.



Illustration: Migam Anqu, XII

### RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR

A significant escalation in the Russia-Ukraine conflict occurred in February 2022 when Russia began a large-scale invasion of Ukraine. Both sides have lost thousands of people as casualties. The war has sent yet another onslaught of refugee crisis to Europe since World War II.

# Campus Caricature

## Guess who is back?

-Imnalemla Imchen, XI



# CAMPUS NEWS

## Equestrian Federation of ALL ASSAM SQUASH STATE

### Assam

We are very happy to announce that Dr. Amit Jugran, Headmaster of The Assam Valley School, has been appointed as Vice President to the Executive Committee of the Equestrian Federation of Assam (EFA).



## AVS RIDING SCHOOL

Alumni, Arjun Chaliha, Batch of 2022, and Kavya Bagrodia, Batch of 2022 will be participating in this year's Republic Day parade at New Delhi as part of the NCC Khannapara Guwahati wing. For Veteran Show Jumping, Kavya Bagrodia won Silver Medal in 105 cm height at Guwahati. Kavya Bagrodia has also won the All India NCC Cadets Six Bar Jumping Trophy held at New Delhi during the NCC horse show. Hearty congratulations!



## TOURNAMENT

**Results at a glance:**

**U-13 Boys Category:**

**1st Position:** Benjamin MacDonald, Class 7

**2nd Position:** Archanamarun Bailing, Class 7

**3rd Position:** Aman Bhagat, Class 6

**U-17 Boys Category:**

**1st Position:** Aarnav Dutta, Class 10

**U-15 Girls Category:**

**1st Position:** Adrika Dey, Class 7

**3rd Position:** Niharika Goswami, Class 7

**4th Position:** Alphonsa Pakyntein Class 9



## Col CK Nayudu Trophy

We are glad to share that Roshan Warbah from Lohit, Batch of 2016 has been selected to represent Meghalaya in the upcoming BCCI's Col. C.K. Nayudu Trophy



## IPSC Volleyball

### Tournament



The Assam Valley School participated in the All-India IPSC Volleyball Tournament held at Sainik School, Goalpara, Assam from 28th to 30th December 2022.

Team AVS secured 4th position. Samarth Mahatta and Angad Kasshyap have been selected for SGFI tournament.

## Thirteenth National

### Painting Competition



Harshi Kashyap of Class 12 has won the 'Special Mention' Award for the 'Thirteenth International Painting Competition' 2022 on the theme "Diversity". She was shortlisted among 1000 paintings from 215 schools across India, Middle East, Bangladesh and Singapore.

## Jyoti Sangeet at Tezpur

We are pleased to inform that Rudrakshi Bharadwaj from Tihu, of Class 6 performed at Jyoti Sangeet at Tezpur on the 17th of January on the occasion of Shilpi Divash organised by the District Administration of Sonitpur. Heartiest congratulations!

## Leadership Workshop

A Leadership Workshop was conducted for the New Prefectorial Body (2022-23) on fostering a relationship of respect and camaraderie between the students of Lower and Upper School through the art of mentoring.



# THE OUTPOST

The 74th Republic Day dawns on India with its women officers leading the ammunition brigade the image and reflection of the country the honour and protect. Netaji Subash Chand Bose's 174th birth anniversary was celebrated with aplomb around the country. Pakistan plunged back into the stone age with its economy tottering over the cliff. With its primary export known as terrorism coming to bite it, Shehbaz Sharrif has little else left to do other than juggle the begging bowl. The world boxing champion Mary Kom has been appointed the Chairperson of the Athletes Commission of the Indian Olympic Association

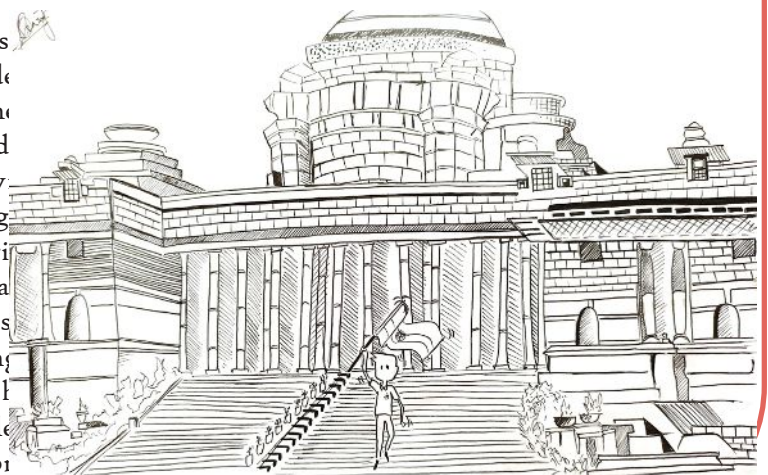


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## Ripple #193

-Emidaka Rapsang, XI

A death knell rings, she lays her  
condolences,  
In white linen and blood red roses.  
A lone tear deceives the hidden  
smile,  
As she watches him walk down the  
Devil's aisle.

## Tongue Of Slip!! Slip!!

1. "Mom is drinking the popes up." - Mr. Bathla (*The Pope wouldn't be happy about that.*)
2. "I will oil my hell today." - Imnalemla Imchen, XI (*Doing the devils work I see.*)
3. "The bed is hanging from my head." -Kaezax Kholi, XI. (*Your English is hanging by a thread.*)
4. "The point is pointless cause what if the point doesn't come?" -Abhishree keshari, XI (*And your point is?*)
5. "Your bang will head." - Hana Shanifer, XI (*Go right ahead.*)

## Keep It R

*Bidding adieu*  
-Photographic Society

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