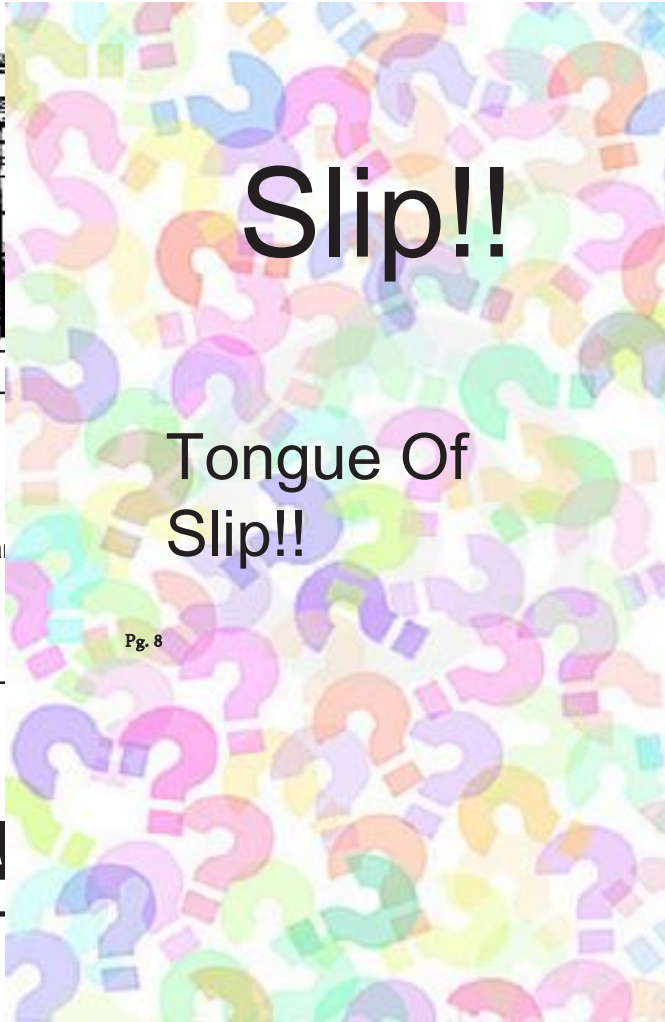


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AGENT OF CHA

-Srishti Baja

The year 2023 with just three months in, has already proved to be a colossal challenge for the Indian government. Beginning with the BBC documentary followed by the Hindenburg Report, it was on the 16th of February this year that the billionaire investor 'George Soros' openly challenged the Indian government. Known infamously for his involvement with the breakdown of the Bank of London and the financial crisis in Asia in 1997 which caused along with immeasurable financial loss, countless suicides. Soros has long kept his eye on India channelling funds to NGOs and intellectuals through his organisation 'Open Society Foundation.' It claims to work towards promoting democratic principles but in turn has a proven track record of attempting to weaken a country. This 92-year-old business tycoon has openly claimed that the Modi government is a threat to India's democracy and compares the situation with that of Hungary back in 1945 under the Nazi regime. George Soros's background throws light on his convoluted personality. As a Hungarian Jew, at the age of 14, Soros played an important role in identifying his Jewish neighbours to Nazi authorities and watched as they were dragged to concentration camps. Years later and over multiple interviews, he claimed he felt no remorse for what he did because it was necessary for his survival. Dabbling in the stock market, Soros single-handedly caused what came to be known as 'Black Wednesday,' in



Illustration: Gaurisha Satikia, X

and cost England a loss of almost 2 billion pounds in a single day. He came away millions richer with no qualm of having cost thousands their jobs and life's savings. In June 2018, the Hungarian government, the country of his origin, passed the 'Stop Soros Law' in order to

curtail his influence within the country. In the words of EAM Jaishankar, Soros continues to be 'an old, rich and dangerous' man who has his eyes set on destabilising India. One of the primary ways in which Soros uses his Open Society Foundation is by creating anti-government narratives. The anti-CAA movement as well as the farmers' agitation has seen substantial funding from Soros's foundation. His closeness with the Gandhi family has led the government to question the funding sources of Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra.

The 2024 Lok Sabha elections have taken on a different dimension since there are many powers at play which will determine the final outcome. India's thriving democracy however will not be so easily played and the people's verdict will prevail. The teeming conspiracies and controversies continue to bubble and promise a show in the days ahead. It is evident from events so far that 2023 will see many more plans unveil before the final runup to D-Day.

THE SILENT STATESMAN: NAVEEN PATNAIK

-Aditya Panigrahi, XII

Naveen Patnaik was born on October 16, 1946, in Cuttack, Odisha. He is the son of Biju Patnaik, a renowned Indian politician and former Chief Minister of Odisha. After completing his early education in India, Naveen went on to graduate from the University of Delhi with a degree in history. Naveen Patnaik's entry into politics was not planned. He was drawn into it following the death of his father, Biju Patnaik, in 1997 when he founded the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) party, which he named after his father. The party's primary goal was to promote the welfare of the people of Odisha and ensure their overall development. The BJD's ideology was centred around the idea of "swaraj" or self-rule, where the people of Odisha would have a say in the decisions that affected their lives. Naveen Patnaik's first foray into electoral politics was in the 1998 Lok Sabha elections, where he contested

and won from the Aska constituency in Odisha. He went on to serve as a Member of Parliament until 2000, when he resigned to become the Chief Minister of Odisha. As Chief Minister, Naveen Patnaik has focused on infrastructure development, poverty reduction, healthcare, and education. Under his leadership, Odisha has made significant progress in all these areas with several flagship programs such as the Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana, Biju Krushak Kalyan Yojana, and Mission Shakti being implemented to improve the lives of the people. Naveen Patnaik's contributions to the welfare of the people have not gone unnoticed. He has been honoured with several awards and recognitions over the years, including the prestigious Padma Shri award in 2008 and the Best Administrator award by Outlook magazine in 2007. In 2017, he was ranked as the 14th most powerful

person in India by India Today magazine. He has received "Best State for Promotion of Sports" Award. Under his leadership the Odisha government has been the sponsor of the Indian Men's and Women's Hockey Team since 2018. He has extended the sponsorship for another 10 years after the men's spectacular win at Tokyo. Naveen Patnaik's leadership and commitment to the welfare of the people of Odisha have made him a role model for politicians across the country. His integrity, honesty, and progressive policies have earned him the respect and admiration of people from all walks of life. As he continues to serve as the Chief Minister of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik's legacy will continue to inspire and guide generations of Indian leaders to come.



Campus Caricature

Happy Holi!

-Hana Shanifer Ahmed, XII

THE OUTPOST

Foreign Ministers descend at Delhi to participate in the G20 meet hosted and presided over by India. The grandeur and significance of this remains shrouded in the Russia-Ukraine crisis. Sergey Lavrov, the Russian Foreign Minister braves the joint ire of the G7 at the meet but minces no words as he holds the west responsible for the situation. Rahul Gandhi gives a picture perfect pose at Cambridge as he urges the west to come to rescue India's democracy laid under siege by the BJP government. Political pundits predict woefully even fewer seats for the Congress in the 2024 assembly elections.



Illustration: Sara Jha, XI

CAMPUS NEWS

Interhouse basketball



Overall Winners

1st Position: Kopili-Dhansiri

2nd Position: Subansiri-Namdang

3rd Position: Bhoroli-Lohit & Jinari-Manas

Individual Awards

Lower School:

Most Valuable Player (Boys): Moilung T. Ngonyen

Most Valuable Player (Girls): Atoliu Jakhalu

Upper School:

Most Valuable Player (Boys): Arhan Sharma

Most Valuable Player (Girls): Visizonuo Rio

Heartiest congratulations!

Holi celebration



Photography: Sir Anubhav Sarkar

On March 8th, the Staff and Student Community celebrated Holi on the sports field. The event took place after breakfast, and the sports field was adorned with pink, green, red, and purple colours. The event also included tug-of-war between the student body.

Photography: Rudr-ayan Haloi, IX

AN EQUESTRIAN LEGACY



Legacies are built with consistency, effort and tenacity. The 3rd Assam State Equestrian Championships 2023, saw Riding Captains of the AVS Riding Club over seven years come together to give an outstanding performance.

The Captains with their Coach Mr. Jalam Singh:

From the right:-

Mr. Jalam Singh (Coach)

Anirban Saikia (2010)

Onkar Singh (2013)

Sidhanth Kabra (2014)

Nummier Ahmed (2015)

Angad Singh Sekhon (2019)

Arjun Aryan Chaliha (2022)

Karan Gam (2024)

THIRD ASSAM STATE EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIP



The AVS Riding School sent a contingent of 11 riders to The Assam State Equestrian Championship. The team returned with an impressive tally of medals. The results are as follows:

Total medals

Gold = 07

Silver = 04

Bronze = 06

CHILDREN HACKS

1st : Shannia Riddi & Atreyo Joy Das (Joint)

2nd : Agastya Jaju

3rd : Rudrakshi Bharadwaj

CHILDREN DRESSAGE

1st : Rudrakshi Bharadwaj

2nd : Shannia Riddi

3rd : Dibakar Singha

CHILDREN SHOW JUMPING

1st : Atreyo Joy Das

JUNIOR JUMPING NORMAL

1st : Karan Ngatey Gam

2nd : Babli Kanwar

DRESSAGE JUNIOR

1st : Karan Ngatey Gam

2nd : Babli Kanwar

3rd : Hemansh R. Goenka

CHILDREN POLE BENDING

2nd : Agastya jaju - Silver

JUNIOR HACKS

4th : Hemansh Raj Goenka

CADETS JUMPING

4th : Babli Kanwar

JUNIOR TOP SCORE

1st : Babli Kanwar

2nd : Dibakar Singha (Different horses)

3rd : Dibakar Singha (Different horses)

4th : Hemansh Raj Goenka

LADIES HACKS

4th : Shannia Riddi & Rudrakshi Bharadwaj (Joint)

SIX BARS

3rd : Hemansh Raj Goenka

Lower School Debates

From fierce arguments to witty rebuttals, the Interhouse Lower School Debates opened with an outstanding war of words from all four Houses. Bhoroli-Lohit and Kopili- Dhansiri met each other at the finals of the Lower School Debates on the 4th of March. The finals closed on the motion “This house believes that happiness is more important than success,” with Bhoroli-Lohit in the Proposition and Kopili-Dhansiri in the Opposition. The evening saw a clash of the titans and a war of words that kept the audience and the judges riveted. Bhoroli-Lohit came in second with Most Promising Speaker being awarded to Shabahat Sabir Ansari from class 7, Bhoroli. Kopili-Dhansiri emerged winners with the Best Speaker being awarded to Rian Subedi from class 8, Dhansiri.



Photography: Rudrayan Haloi, IX

Read Your Heart Out

-Ma'am Debolina Bakshi

The Department of English conducted the Open-Air Multilingual Prose Recitation for Lower School on Saturday, February 18th. The programme saw twenty students read out original stories and write-ups in Hindi, Assamese, and English. What made the event more enthralling was the participation of teachers along with Mrs. Ghosh who recited self-composed poems and short write-ups that fascinated the audience. The presence of the Director, the Deputy Headmaster and the Senior Management Team inspired the students to dazzle and shine. The genre shifted seamlessly from fiction to non-fiction to poetry. The event concluded with Mrs. Ghosh giving away chocolates to the participants.

WORLD Wildlife Day

-Ila Gupta, X

To celebrate World Wildlife Day, the Department of Environmental Studies organized a seminar on March 6th, 2023 on wildlife conservation and the need for animal rescue. The keynote speaker for the event was Mr. Raj Ballav Sarma, an environmentalist, animal rescuer, and cinematographer with a BSC in Geology, with two films for Greenhub, Tezpur to his credit. Mr. Sarma shared his experience in animal rescue and drove home the urgency to preserve wildlife before it was too late. It was a wonderful experience and was an evening well spent.

A Little Dream By Ojasvi Agarwal

Many congratulations to Ojasvi Agarwal, Class 11, J/3782, for creating the book "A Little Dream" published by Bribooks. The school continues to encourage and support young aspiring authors and writers in their pursuit of excellence.



Lower School English Elocution Competition

The Lower School English Elocution was organized by the Department of English on the 18th of February. Twenty students from Class 5 to Class 8 participated in the competition. All the participants performed with flair. The range of poems varied from Ken Nesbitt to William Blake. The students showed confidence and style in their recitation.

The winners are as follows:

Class 5

Sernya Myra Karki

Karnik Kedia

Class 6

Jignasa Bora

Nayanika Borah

Class 7

Benjamin MacDonald

Shabahat Sabir Ansari

Class 8

Agniv Prakash Bora

Vidhi Chopra

Hindi Speech Competition

The Individual Hindi Speech Competition was organized by the Department of Hindi on 21st February. 27 students participated in the Lower School Hindi Speech Competition from across classes 5 to 8.

The results are as follows.

Class-5

1- Nilav Prajapati- 1st st

2- Karnik Kedia- 2nd nd

3- Mwnthai Swrang Brahma- 3rd

4- Chera Jermin- Consolation Prize

Class-6

1-Khyaati Borah- 1st

2-Aanavi Ghosh- 2nd

3-Nayanika Borah- 3rd

4-Medhansh Tibrewal Consolation Prize

Class-7

1-Shabahat Sabir Ansari- 1st

2-Shambhavi Chauhan- 2nd

3-Ananya Yadav- 3rd

4- Keshav Sultania- Consolation Prize

Class-8

1-Vidhi Chopra- 1st

2- Soham Agarwal- 2nd

3- Aarohi Agarwal- 3rd

4-Prabhsimrat Singh- Consolation Prize

INSCIGNIS



On 27th & 28th February, 42 students of along with three teachers participated in the National Science Day festival, Inscignis, organised by the Tezpur Central University. The departments of Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, EVS and MBBT of the University organised multiple events in which the AVS contingent participated and competed with colleges from across Assam.

The results of the various events are as follows:

- 1) Vidhi Chopra, 8C, 1st in Paradophybate, Debate competition organized by Physics Department
- 2) Arhan Sharma, 11SA, 1st in CheMystery, a multifaceted quiz competition organized by The Chemistry Department
- 3) Tanveer Ahmed, 9C, 1st in Bio-bonaza, quiz organized by The MBBT Department
- 4) Devanshi Deka, 11HA, 2nd in Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (Slogan writing) organized by The Environmental Sciences Department
- 5) Pratiksha Chowdhury, 11 CA, 2nd in Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (Poster making)
- 6) Kelden Rigsang, 8C, 2nd in Youdoku organized by The Mathematics Department

Participation Certificates:

- 1) Soham Agarwal - E-Bee's Event, organized by EVS Department

- 2) Agnivh Prakash Bora - Paradophybate

- 3) Arini Muklana - Paradophybate

Students also participated in North East Regional Level Science Exhibition (NERLSE) and presented three projects from the AVS Chemistry and Biology Departments. Students who participated in the exhibition are:

Project on Bio-compost soil:

- 1) Anvita Dey, 11SA

- 2) Mridulla Guleria, 9C

- 3) Lal Nunhlimi, 9C

- 4) Urvashi Bora, 8C

Project on Mud Fridge:

- 1) Adrika Dey, 7B

- 2) Shabahat Sabir Ansari, 7C

- 3) Dayanita Das, 8B

Project on Hydroponics:

- 1) Kanyaka Tamuli, 9B

- 2) Ahona Chaudhary, 9C

- 3) Aanya Paul Sarkar, 9B

Heartiest congratulations!

Ripple #202

-Deubale Meru, Deputy Editor, XII

Through the sea of colour,
She noticed him
approaching her,
Her face lit with a smile.
Last year he had been
her destination,
This time around, she
was his prism.

Tongue Of Slip!!

1. "I have a penless cap." - Langlensana Rajkumari, XII (And you have a brainless head.)
2. "I will sit you." - Hana Shanifer, XII (But I can't stand you.)
3. "Let my bed stay in your bag." - Kristi Pathak, XII (Let your mouth stay shut.)
4. "It is a drizzling." - Pragyana Narjinary, XII (Wash away then.)
5. "I'm more on my dadder side." - Amasa Chechina Sangma, XII (And the dumber side.)

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Spreading rainbows.
-Sir Anubhav Sarkar



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