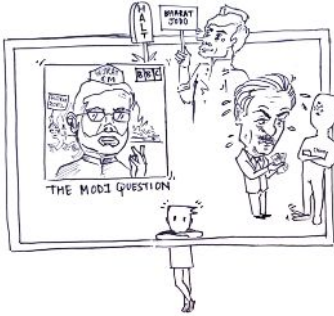


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# A Dangerous

-Priyano Kashyap, XI

In recent weeks, the already complicated negotiations between Sweden and NATO have been further complicated by a series of high-profile disputes including the hanging of an effigy of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan during a pro-Kurdish rally in Stockholm, and the burning of a copy of the Quran near the Turkish embassy by right-wing politician and hard line fringe party leader Rasmus Paludan. In order to understand the growing popularity of the far-right in Sweden and other European countries, it is essential to assess the refugee problem that these countries face. The influx of refugees from war torn countries to Sweden and the countries policy of providing political asylum has saddled it with a 20% people of non-Swedish origin who find themselves in a constant cultural and religious clash with the Swedes. Despite all efforts, the rehabilitation of immigrants into a free society that is completely alien to them, has become a herculean task. The disharmony and the refusal of the immigrants to understand, accept and agree to live in harmony with the practices of their adopted country now poses a major threat to Sweden. Taking advantage of the growing disenchantment amongst the Swedes the far-right wing pulled on stunts such as the burning of the Quran in the guise of celebrating free speech. The act makes it harder for Sweden to get Turkey's support to join NATO. Prime Minister Kristersson condemned the act and expressed sympathy towards people who were offended but it is difficult to tell whether the apology will help appease Erdogan. The matter is



Illustration: Imnalemla Imchen, XI

further compounded by the fact that under its policy of political asylum, Sweden has become the base for the Kurdish liberation party PKK which is classified as a terrorist group by the EU, the US and Türkiye. Compounding the far right with the PKK's support base has yielded a dangerous hybrid akin to Frankenstein's monster. A trilateral memorandum between Sweden, Finland and Türkiye signed at the NATO summit in Madrid last year rattled the PKK but since Sweden finds itself in a state of disavowal, radicalism has gone unchecked, emboldening both PKK supporters and far-right extremists to pursue divisive agendas. Their strategy for burning Islam's holy book in front of the Turkish embassy was straightforward. Rasmus Paludan, a far-right politician, carried it out at a time when Ankara demanded that Stockholm take decisive action against the PKK and its offshoots, as well as its support base, in exchange for Turkey's approval of Sweden's NATO bid. The danger is slowly creeping up on European necks, as these are deep troubles that could ricochet out of control.

# In the dark

-Tanveer Ahmed, IX

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On January 23, 2023, Pakistan experienced one of the most significant power outages in its history. This power outage was caused by severe flaws in Pakistan's power generation and distribution system. It all started when the government began turning off the electricity during low usage hours to save fuel; however, the technicians were unable to restart the plant that morning. A tweet posted by an official at 7:23 a.m. PST that day spread the message of the blackout throughout the country. Many people were left without drinking water as a result of the nationwide power outage, as pumps powered by electricity ceased to function. In the bitter winter cold, schools, hospitals, and other vital institutions were left without power. After 15 hours of power outages, officials announced that a few areas in Pakistan had re-established power.

It's ironic that this article is about the Taliban opening up to women's rights because the words "Taliban" and "women's rights" don't quite go together. Recognizing women as fellow human beings with rights, let alone respecting them, is foreign to the Taliban. In its 2.0 avatar, the Taliban promised that its policies would be different for women. Women will be allowed to pursue education. Two days after the Taliban banned female students from education and employment, they took to the streets to protest, chanting 'either everyone or no one' and 'one for all'. They are treated worse than sheep bred for slaughter, with little chance of escape or relief. The Taliban's current persecution of women is an attempt to gain international attention, particularly for their request for financial assistance. They are well aware that even the slightest hint of providing women with a safe space and a place to learn will entice Western countries to send in aid. Apart from marijuana exports, aid is the only thing that will keep the Taliban's Afghanistan afloat.

# India in G20 Water Wars

-Neilginryan Das, IX

-Zaheen Shah, IX



Illustration: Gaurish Saikia, IX

The G20 members account for 1 GDP, more than 75% of global trade, and roughly two-thirds of the global population. "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" or "One Earth • One Family • One Future," is the theme of India's G20 presidency. The theme essentially affirms the value of all life - human, animal, plant, and microorganism - and their interconnectedness on Earth and in the larger universe. Bangladesh, Egypt, Mauritius, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Singapore, Spain, and the United Arab Emirates are among India's special invitee guest countries. Green Development, Climate Finance, and life are among India's G20 priorities, as are Accelerated, Inclusive, and Resilient Growth, Accelerating Progress on SDGs, Technological Transformation & Digital Public Infrastructure, and Multilateral Institutions for the Twenty-First Century, and Women-led Development.

7 of water wars with India with super hydropower dam on a section of the Brahmaputra River (YarlungTsangpo river) in China's Tibetan Autonomous Region (TAR), in the Himalayan foothills near Arunachal Pradesh. This dam is said to produce 60,000 watts of power, three times that of China's Three Gorges Dam, the world's largest power plant. This dam could be their largest renewable and zero-carbon energy source each year. The energy generated would aid Beijing in meeting its clean energy targets and strengthening water security. All of this is a result of the truth being somewhere else. China's massive dam will have serious consequences for India and other downstream countries such as Bangladesh. It has the potential to cut off 30% of water flow into India from the Himalayas via the Brahmanutra,

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## Campus Caricature

### 74 YEARS

-Imnalemla Imchen, XI



# CAMPUS NEWS

## Republic Day

-Ila Gupta, IX

On the crisp morning of the 26th of January, the AVS community came together to celebrate the 74th Republic Day. The event began with a special assembly, and a prayer by Mrs. Dayita Dutta. The students of Class 5 recited a patriotic poem while the Assamese department sang a rousing patriotic song. The Music Department presented a wonderful rendition of Vande Mataram. The first-ever AVS NCC flight squadron presented the guard of honour. The Chief Guest for the event the Deputy Headmaster Mr. Manoj Sharma unfurled the flag and took the salute. It was a day full of celebration and was an event to remember.



## Donate Blood and Save Lives

The Junior Red Cross Society of The Assam Valley School in collaboration with the Tezpur Medical College conducted a Blood Donation Camp on the 28th of January, 2023 with the slogan “Donate Blood, Save Lives.” Forty-four staff members of the school donated blood.

The medical team was actively assisted by the AVS JRC Unit to organise and manage the event. It was an enriching experience and strengthened the schools involvement with community service.



# DAISMUN By UNESCO

# Economica

Good evening dear colleagues. 27 students represented AVS in the DAISMUN which is partnered with UNESCO. The conference was conducted online on the 27th and 28th of January 2023. The following students bagged the awards.

## United Nations General Assembly

High Commendation award (2nd Prize)- Tanveer

Ahmed from Namdang (represented Pakistan)

Special Mention (3rd prize)- Pranhita Jain from Tihu

Kopili (represented Brazil)

## United Nations Environment Programme

Best Delegate (1st prize)- Devanshi Deka from

Kopili(represented China)

Special Mention (3rd Prize)- Kanyaka Tamuli from

Kopili (represented Russia)

Thanks for all of your support.

The Department of Economics hosted the "Economica" debate on the afternoon of February 1st. 'This House believes that India's tax system is unfair to the middle class,' was the debate's motion. According to the side proposition, taxation has caused problems for the middle classes. The Side Opposition argued that although taxes in India are compulsory contribution to State revenue, it is a fair system that still provides the country's middle classes with daily needs and facilities. The debate concluded with Ahsash Agarwal being named Best Speaker and Zaheen Rafia Shah being named Most Promising

# THE OUTPOST

The controversial BBC documentary 'The Modi Question' races through campuses despite the ban heating the politics around it. Pakistan's dire economic situation threatens to take it to the stone age even as China demands its monie back. Egyptian President Sisi's visit during Republic Day promises stronger ties with India as it moves away from China. The Padma Bhushan awardees this year were presented to individuals whose exceptional contribution to their walks of life would have otherwise gone unsung making these awards even more special. Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra comes to a sudden halt at Kashmir crying security crisis.

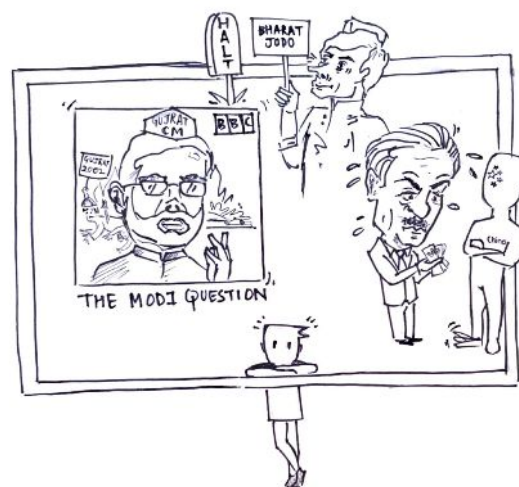


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## Ripple #199

-Hana Shanifer, XI

The violence in her eyes,  
It weeps out of mine.  
The ache behind her lies,  
Runs in my vein like wine .  
To her, I am an bearable mirror  
Braid my hair once again, Oh  
Mother.

## Tongue Of Slip!! Slip!!

1. "Give me wasabi tape." -Srishti Bajaj, XI (Spicy.)
2. "My brain in not braining." - Rangdou Houmai, XI (Science does that.)
3. "My ink ran out of pen." -Nabadeep Deka, XI. (Grammar ran away from you.)
4. "Pass me that cup of glass." -Deubale Meru, XI (Pass your classes first.)
5. "I was fishing my fringes" -Alphonsa Pakyntein, IX. (Fish for a life while you're at it.)

## Keep It R

*Ripple in time*  
-Shrey Modi, XII



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