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# An Ode

- Emidaka Rapsang, Editor-In-Chief

Amidst the caress of daisy fields and fleeting butterflies, we find ourselves bidding adieu to our childhood summer. The days move with a quiet breeze that carries both our mirth and misery, from early sunrise to late sunset, from homely hills to the salt air on warm beaches. The summer is almost a bruise in time. As we bask in the scorching daylight and swim in the glistening waters, we revel in our fluorescent child-like youth, ignoring the gnashing reality of the future. Yet here we are, away from July and her sun filled days and the teardrops of rain in August. Here we are, welcoming the soft nips of cold air on our cheeks, closing the final curtain of a sweet summer.

Dear Reader, as we don our worn blazer and fix askew ties, we greet you to the start of a new semester. One which embraces all the tormenting forms of nostalgia, of creating new memories and living in past ones, playing in our minds like an old film. As we enter Founders' Semester, we are flooded with the comfort of sun-dried leaves and orange skies, with the comfort of kinder sun streaks and cooler evenings, with the comfort of friendships and foolery, with the comfort of Hope. It is hope that we hold on to as our lives stretch out to

the rushing future, it is the quiet hope found in the crevices of buzzing excitement, of autumn indulgences, of walking the longer route, of rushing to our own corners on fervid afternoons, of conversations in the 5pm light, of mischief and naïve trouble, of late-night practices and aching limbs, of all the small pleasures of life intertwined with friendships, love, art and stories. The humdrum days of Founders, be it for the old or new, is a pocket of warmth in the gradual bleakness of winter. It is a hot cup of tea after a long day, it is a cold shower after a sport, it is soft comfort, sprinkled with hope, cherished by all who experienced it.

Under the yellow glow of fairy lights and youthful chatter, we find a sanctuary of fun and festivity, thriving in our days in the sun, in our closing youth. Under the blanket of stars, the moon watches our frail forms walk the tree lined path, with eyes gleaming and messy laughter, with a feeling that life, for a fleeting moment, felt like a movie. To all reading, we wish that this Founders will be a book full of memories and tales of a time, for all who experience it as a first and for all who adore it as their last.



- Srishti Bajaj, XII

While we move towards a world where the “anything is possible” notion becomes more believable and justifiable each day, the community urges for all to adapt to changes, especially the ones focusing on advancement. Movies such as the Age of Ultron and Adam’s Project are not only sci-fi blockbusters but are also a representation and token of hope- an undying hope of humanity reaching its maximum potential with artificial intelligence. Amidst all the discussions and debates at school about technology being a lifesaver and a life taker at the same time, we must understand that there always is a way out. Instead of being at loggerheads with the authority over getting devices day and night, how about we find a way that helps us meet both ends? They say that technology is like a knife in the kitchen that can either be used like a mere tool or a life-threatening weapon. How about teaching all the use of a knife the safety as well as the skill set to wield a knife wisely. It is after all, an everyday tool. How about we all bite the bullet because sooner or later, the world will demand that we change its ways. It already is. By denying immediate access to AI for students, we are only delaying the entire “modernization” process because while we wait, the world advances. While we prepare to be a part of the world beyond these gates, we must realise that it has its own expectations

and life-skill requirements. Digital art, coding and web page designing today pay a lot more than any other jobs would. It is no longer a question of software engineering, or ethical hacking- as profession, but the knowledge of the use of technology is a must for students pursuing higher studies. Looking at the subject at a micro level will help us analyse the predicament of the situation we are in. Today, teachers need technology for teaching because in the span of the last 3-4 years smart classrooms have moved beyond powerpoint presentations and videos. It is today a prerequisite for students to learn the ethics in the usage of technology. Those who belong to the Generation Z, live in their gadgets. They use it to create, socialise, learn, share and even when they do ‘nothing much’, it is on their personal gadgets. It is futile to believe they will learn better in other forms if they are ‘weaved away’ from their gadgets. Instead, we must be taught to explore ways we can create content, network and the etiquette of social media platforms. The school will be progressive, will mark excellence, will produce citizens beyond boundaries, the day we truly embrace technology, and use of gadgets become a way of learning at school. We would then make not just classrooms smart, but those studying in it ‘smarter.’

## Campus Caricature

### PORTRAIT OF PAINTERS

Illustration: Ssara Jha, XII



## INTERHOUSE DANCE COMPETITION

The Inter-House Dance Competition took place on the 14th of July, 2023. The event comprised three categories, namely the Classical Group, the Folk Group and the Modern Dance Group. The Houses presented amalgamations of the Sattriya, Bharatnatyam, Kathak, Odissi, and Manipuri Classical dance forms in the Classical Group Category. The Folk Group Dance category included the zestful Bhangra, the rhythmic Garba, the enthusiastic Kalbelia, and the graceful Lavani which depicted the story of Rani Laxmi Bai. Lastly, four engrossing stories were narrated in the form of freestyle dance performances in the Modern Dance Category. The stories included variant elements ranging from mental health issues to Indian mythology as well as abuse and vengeance. The event was successful and brought light upon the growing creativity of students in the progressing dance culture, whilst remaining embedded to their traditional roots.



The results are as follows:

Best Dancer (Female): Diksha Baruah and Pratiti Barua

Best Dancer (Male): Khangam Ngandam

Best Choreography: Jinari-Manas

Best Costume: Kopili- Dhansiri

Classical Group:

Winner: Bhoroli-Lohit and Subansiri-Namdang

Runners-up: Jinari-Manas

Folk Group:

Winners: Kopili-Dhansiri

Runners-up: Subansiri-Namdang

Modern Group:

Winners: Subansiri-Namdang

Runners-up: Bhoroli Lohit

Overall House Positions:

1st Position: Subansiri-Namdang

2nd: Position: Jinari-Manas

3rd Position: Kopili-Dhansiri

4th Position: Bhoroli Lohit



## IPSC I.T. FEST 2023

Host School: Mayo College Girls School, Ajmer  
6 students of our school participated in the IPSC I.T. Fest 2023-24 held at Mayo College Girls School, Ajmer between 20th - 22nd July 2023.

We are happy to inform that The Assam Valley School came 1st in the Digital Poster making event (participants: Anikaith Joshi and Akshat Poddar) and 3rd in the Digital Sound editing event (participants: Dagba Angu and Hrishikesh Deka).

Heartiest congratulations!





# ALL INDIA IPSC SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Category: U-17

Host School: The Emerald Heights International School, Indore, MP

(17th to 22nd July, 2023)

The Assam Valley School Football Team secured second runner-up position in the tournament.

Heartiest congratulations to the team and coaches, Mr. Jamlamthang Hangzo and Mr. Biswajit Baglary.

We wish them all the best for all their future endeavours.



# 2ND INTER-SCHOOL SHRI B.M. KHAITAN MEMORIAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

The Chess Society of The Assam Valley School successfully organized the 2nd Inter School Shri B.M. Khaitan Memorial Chess Championship 2023 on July 18th and 19th, 2023.

Number of participating schools: 13

Number of categories: Under 14, 17 and 19

The championship was supervised by Chief Chess Arbiters Mr. Biswajit Bharadwaj and Chess coaches, Mr. Swaraj Buragohain (PSS, Sivasagar) and Mr. Nandan (SBGJ, Guwahati), along with the AVS Chess team consisting of Ms. Dabjani P. Nath, Mr. Rajen Bharali, Mr. Bijan Panigarhi, Ms. Rupali Borah and Mr. Rajib Hazarik.

In the overall standings after 5 rounds, the schools achieved the following positions:

Third Position: Pakshalika High School, Sivasagar with 18 Points

Runner-up School: The Assam Valley School, Balipara with 19.5 Points

Winner of the championship: Sarla Birla Gyan Jyoti School, Guwahati with 20.5 points

Additionally, Mayo College Ajmer was recognized as the Most Promising School of the Championship.

Heartiest congratulations!



# ALL ASSM TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIP

We are happy to share that Bhabarnab Nath Sandilya of Class II won the Gold Medal in All Assam Taekwondo Championship held at Sivasagar in the over 78 kg Junior Category.

Heartiest congratulations!





# OF GUTS AND GLORY

-Headmaster, Dr. Amit Jugran



The school couldn't have asked for a perfect semester closing with the rookie girls' team winning their maiden championship trophy. The under-14 Boys' Soccer team had set the adrenaline running high in the school community, and all it took was a leap of faith by Ashley and her comrades to lift the already upbeat mood further. I was not present to see the Under 14 Boys' perform, but all those on campus witnessing the girls perform will vouch for their grit, willpower, and hunger to create a name themselves. With their characters to be written infinitely in the pages of sports history, the girls shouldered the burden of responsibility with great aplomb. With every staff member turning into a coach from the side lines, these young warriors showed exemplary patience and incredible fortitude in the face of adversity.

The finals against Pinegrove was the judgement day call for young Crusaders. It soon became a battlefield, with each team vying for the coveted trophy. We conceded the first goal, but the girls showed courage and determination. There was no slinking of shoulders and hanging of heads in despair. They came back like a tsunami at their opponent, with a resolve to defy the impending defeat. With Ashley galvanising her team and the players possessed to win the match, the girls scored two extraordinary goals to ensure that the trophy fell into their laps. With the final whistle blowing, the girls tasted their major victory with screams of joy, sweat, and tears. A final, which will be remembered by all of us as synonymous with Guts and Glory.

## BADMINTON AND TENNIS SUMMER CAMP

Following students from The Assam Valley School participated in the sports summer camps organized by various District Associations:

### BADMINTON

Tezpur District Sports Association

1. Ayan Saikia, Class 9

2. Darsheel Kalita, Class 5

(Camp was organized under the guidance of Mr. Amlan Bhattacharya, NIS coach)

### CRICKET

1. Piyush Agarwal, Class 9 (Tezpur District Cricket Association)

2. Arihant Ghorawat, Class 9 (Dhubri District Cricket Association)

3. Anuran Paul, Class 11 (Tezpur District Cricket Association)

(Tezpur Camp: Mentor- Mr Baburam Magar, BCCI Coach)

## IPSC DANCE FESTIVAL



Host School: Birla Vidya Mandir, Nainital

The IPSC Dance Festival took place from 3rd to 6th of August 2023, at Birla Vidya Mandir, Nainital. A total of 14 schools participated in the event.

We are happy to share that The Assam Valley School bagged the Outstanding Performance Award in the following categories:

Classical Duet by Diksha Baruah and Abhinashini Baruah

Folk fusion by Jupitora Das, Pratiti Baruah, Ruhi Kalita and Myskina Deka

Hearty Congratulations to the team and their teacher, Ms. Rubi Bora Bordoloi

# ALL INDIA IPSC TAEKWONDO TOURNAMENT

Host School: The Sanskaar Valley School, Bhopal  
AVS Taekwondo Girls Team (Under-14,17 &19)  
participated in the IPSC Taekwondo Tournament at  
The Sanskaar Valley School, Bhopal from the 2nd to  
4th of August 2023. AVS team participated in various  
weight and age categories and performed brilliantly.  
Results at a glance:

Suvechha Borah, Class 8: Gold medal (U-14)

Dweepanneeta Nath, Class 8: Silver Medal

Sneha Ngangom, Class 9 and Monsum, Class 9: Bronze  
medal (U-17)

Misna Sarangthem, Class 11 (U-19): Silver Medal

Heartiest congratulations!



# AFS GLOBAL STEM ACCELERATORS

The AFS Global STEM Accelerators is a full-  
scholarship, online intercultural exchange program for  
young women interested in STEM and sustainability  
worldwide. The successful participants of this program  
gets awarded by the University of Pennsylvania.  
There were more than 1,000 highly qualified  
applications this year out of which only 180 students  
have been selected as the winners of this Scholarship  
program and The Assam Valley School is thrilled to  
share that Norzin Lhamu Bhutia of Class XI is selected  
as a scholarship recipient for the 2023 AFS Global  
STEM Accelerators!

Heartiest congratulations!



# BSAI WORKSHOP

Host School: Selaqui International School, Dehradun  
HSM of Tihu, Subansiri and Kopili Mrs Nancy  
Kwan Baruah, Mrs Debajani Sharma Bora and Mrs.  
Priyankoo Kashyap Das participated in a BSAI  
workshop organised by Selaqui International school,  
Dehradun from 28th to 30th July 2023.

This workshop covered various topics in 8 sessions  
The sessions were interactive and were based on  
pastoral care across schools in the country.





# BOULONE LISE MEMORIAL QUIZ AND THE CLAUDE MARTIN DEBATES

Organised by the La Marteniere College, Lucknow from 17th to 19th August 2023. The AVS team of Gungming Phassang and Kaezax Kholie reached the finals of the Boulone Lise Memorial Quiz after qualifying in the preliminary round. The AVS team of Hana Shanifer Ahmed, Anikaith Anant Joshi, Aayat Hazarika and Anukriti Kashyap participated in the Claude Martin Debates. Hana Shanifer Ahmed was awarded the Best Speaker in all the three preliminary rounds of The Claude Martin Debates



# THE DOON SCHOOL MODEL UNITED NATIONS

11 girls and 6 boys along with 2 teachers represented The Assam Valley School at the Doon School Model United Nations. A total of 35 schools from across the length and breadth of India, and also from the Middle East took part in the conference. 11 committees were simulated and the proceedings of the committees were quite competitive. Anushka Jitani of class 11 who was the delegate of France in the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) secured the Best Delegate Award from AVS. Heartiest congratulations!

# THE DALY COLLEGE MODEL UNITED NATIONS

The prestigious DCMUN was hosted by The Daly College Indore from 11th to 13 August 2023. 11 students of The Assam Valley School, along with two teaching staff, took part in the same. The theme of this year's DCMUN was "PHRONESIS" which is a Latin word meaning 'ethical decision-making.' A total of 150 students from 16 schools across the country deliberated upon a wide range of topics in 7 different Committees and drafted the resolutions based on consensus. Praveka Kasera from AVS was recognized with a 'The Special Mention' award in her AIPPM committee.



# ALL ASSAM RANKING BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

The AVS Badminton squad participated in the All Assam Ranking Badminton Tournament organized by Guwahati Sports Association.

The following is the result:

1. Manonta Kalita, Class 11  
(Quarter-final in U-19 girls category)
  2. Tanmoy Raj Baruah, Class 6  
(Pre Quarter final in U-11 category)
  3. Tushar Malik, Class 8 (Pre Quarter final in U-13 category)
  4. Pragyan Baruah, Class 6 (1st Round)
- Heartiest congratulations!



## ALUMNI NEWS



We are very happy to announce that Utkarsh Jajodia (ISC Batch 2023, M- 3486), has been selected at IIM, Rohtak. He will be pursuing the Integrated Program in Management (IPM). We congratulate Utkarsh, his proud parents and teachers on his achievement. He is an inspiration to fellow aviators and his juniors. Many congratulations!



We are glad to share that AVS alumna Devika Shekhawat ISC Batch 2014 has joined the Cornell University, Ithaca, New York as a Visiting PhD Researcher at the School of Industrial and Labour Relations and the South Asia Program for a year under the Fulbright Scholarship Program. She is also alumna of St. Stephens & JNU Delhi.





Heartiest congratulations to Tachang Phassang (ISC Batch 2016) on winning Rubaru Mr India 2023 title Mr National Universe. The coronation took place at an illustrious ceremony held in Goa. Dr. Pramod Sawant, the Chief Minister of Goa, graced the event as the esteemed Chief Guest, highlighting the significance of this celebrated occasion.

Heartiest congratulations to Tachang and his proud parents!

## WE BID ADIEU

It is with sorrow that we bid goodbye to Bijuli Prasad, the elephant who was the mascot of The Williamson Magor Group and The Assam Valley School. Bijuli Prasad breathed his last in the wee hours of the morning on the 21st of August from age-related complications. Bijuli Prasad was represented proudly on the court-of-arms of The Williamson Magor Group as well as The Assam Valley School where he remains to this day. Prasad was named by his master Oliver Sahib from England and will be remembered with affection and fondness.



# THE OUTPOST

The West's phobia over Russia's grand plan of world dominance has pushed Putin to a possible arms-deal with North Korea. The I.N.D.I.A alliance a collection of all Opposition Parties shows little grit to take on the saffron juggernaut as individual ambitions to the PM's chair smoulder with Rahul Gandhi leading the race. The government's sudden decision to call a Special Session of the Parliament has set the fox into the Opposition pen with theories ranging from a possible change of name from 'India' to 'Bharat' to the adaptation of One Country One Election to the controversial UCC doing the rounds.



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## Ripple #209

-Aanya Paul Sarkar, X

*Under the shadow of the midnight  
moon,  
The crafty bob-cat grins,  
The witches whisper as Dracula  
emerges,  
'It's time for the hunt to begin.'*

## Tongue Of Slip!!

1. "Did I pencil my pack up?" - Babli Kanwar, X (*Please remember to pack your brain as well.*)
2. "The headphones is not playing in the music." - Vania Singh, X (*And hopefully it never does.*)
3. "Life is all about like that." - Aira Thoudam, XI (*Is it, really?!*)
4. "I feel homesick, smelling this smell." - Shradha Jha, XI (*I do too.*)
5. "Please follow my accept request." - Ahsash Agarwal, X (*Not if you ask that way.*)

## Keep It Reel!

*Enlightening*

- Atoti Zhimomi, XI



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