



- Jigme Pao Tamang, XI

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Although missing two key members – Russia and China – this year’s G20 meet hosted by India, may be considered the most important event to have occurred in our country all year. The G20 dominated our news feeds for weeks before the event and stayed there for weeks after the conference ended. It came at a crucial time as divisions within major international bodies over Russia’s war in Ukraine continue to deepen; as global economic growth is at historical lows and financial risks are ever increasing; as climate change continues to destroy our fragile world in the background while we work on more pressing matters, almost like Paraneoplastic syndromes that weaken a person who’s already dying from cancer.

One Earth – One Family – One Future, an impressive motto and the G20 summit lived up to it: India’s

Presidency of the G20, saw the participating nations avoid actively laying criticism on Russia for its ongoing war against Russia (however, they did declare that states cannot seize territory by force and highlight the suffering of the people of Ukraine); they included the African Union as a permanent member – effectively giving 55 countries another platform to project their voices on a global platform. The G20 accepted the need to reduce their coal usage and agreed to attempt tripling global renewable energy capacity by 2030, however, the G20 leaders did not set major climate goals or modify existing policies. The most significant decision that the G20 announced were ambitious plans to set up a transport corridor through the Middle East and South Asia and eventually to Europe.

The G20 set up an impressive stage for India to showcase

its impressive diplomatic and economic power; and of course, there could be no blemishes on our image. The G20 summit brought a complete make over to our country, the highways were given fresh coats of tar – its ditches all filled up, monkeys were kept off the

streets and police surveillance was ramped up a notch in every city visited by the delegates. It fixed decade old issues, and replaced massive billboard advertisements with G20 slogans. The G20 summit was a massive success, the world agreed upon lofty terms and ideals

RUSSIA'S ISOLATION

-Pratiti Barua, XI

In the aftermath of the Russia-Ukraine war, Russia finds itself in a state of isolation. The Russia-Ukraine war, initiated by Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014, marked a critical turning point in international relations, particularly with regards to Russia. This conflict resulted in a significant diplomatic fallout, as the international community responded by imposing sanctions on Russia.

One of the most visible consequences of Russia's actions in Ukraine has been its economic isolation. Shortly after the conflict began, the United States and the European Union imposed stringent sanctions that targeted key sectors of Russia's economy, such as finance, energy, and defense. These measures severely limited Russia's access to global financial markets, making it more difficult for the country to secure investment and maintain economic growth. The sanctions caused capital flight, currency depreciation, and a decline in foreign direct investment, all of which negatively impacted Russia's economic performance. Furthermore, several international companies reduced their operations or withdrew from the Russian market due to the intensified political risks associated with Russia's aggressive actions.

In addition to the economic consequences, Russia's isolation quickly extended to the political and diplomatic realms. Following the annexation of Crimea, Russia faced widespread condemnation from the international community. The United Nations General Assembly and various regional organizations, such as the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), decried Russia's actions as a violation of international law. Moreover, Russia's relationships with its neighboring countries and traditional allies were significantly

strained. Countries in Eastern Europe, including Ukraine's close neighbors, Baltic States, Poland, and Romania, expressed their concerns about Russia's expansionist tendencies and stepped up their defense measures. Furthermore, traditional partners, like Germany and France, distanced themselves from Russia, emphasizing their support for Ukraine's territorial integrity and sovereignty. In its apprehension of the resurgence of the Great Russian Empire, the West has successfully pushed Russia to ally with China. Making it the pariah state has forced Russia to look towards the hermit state of North Korea to supply it with weapons in exchange for food grains.

Another notable consequence of Russia's isolation has been a loss of global standing and influence. Prior to the Ukraine conflict, Russia had been positioning itself as a major global player, hosting the 2014 Winter Olympics, and successfully brokering the Syrian chemical weapons deal. However, the annexation of Crimea and the subsequent war eroded both Russia's credibility and reputation. The Russia-Ukraine war served as a significant turning point in Russia's relations with the international community, leading to economic isolation, strained diplomatic ties, and a tarnished global standing. While Russia has undertaken initiatives to counterbalance the Western influence, it continues to grapple with significant challenges. Rebuilding trust, rectifying diplomatic relationships, and pursuing mutually beneficial agreements will be key to Russia's return to the international mainstream. Only time will reveal the path Russia chooses to reshape its role on the global stage.

Campus Caricature

Infectious Indeed

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THE OUTPOST

The new parliament building was inaugurated on the 19th of September and the first bill floored was the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhinyam, which proposed to bring 33% reservation for women in the Lok Sabha. The Opposition finds themselves in a Catch 22 situation for opposing it will make them look regressive and supporting it adds another feather to the PM's cap. The Kokernag tragedy that cost India three of her Officers is mourned by the nation even as the army guns down the last of the LeT Terrorists. Trudeau's government worsens relationship with India over their support of the Khalistanis.



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IPSC DRAMATICS

The Assam Valley School participated in the IPSC Dramatics Festival, 2023 at the B.K.Birla Centre For Education, Pune from the 3rd -5th September 2023. A delegation of Nine students and one teacher Mrs.Rimjhim Ghosh Pyne went for the same. The students participated in various categories of Drama

1. Shakespearana - An English Play
2. Hum hai ya hum nahin - a Hindi playwriting and dramatic reading
3. Non-Verbal Play

The teams put up stellar performances and were much appreciated. They won awards in the following categories:

1. Best Delegation- Contemporary Relevance in presentation- Shakespearana
2. Best Delegation- Experimental writing and Performance presentation in Hindi Playwriting and dramatic reading.

Congratulations to the Team.



IPSC CHESS

AVS Chess team participated in the IPSC Chess 2023 tournament held at The Emerald Heights International School, Indore from 11th September to 13th September 2023. AVS team represented the under 14, under 17, and under 19 categories. The championship was a platform for young chess players to showcase their skills and compete against some of the best school teams from across the country. AVS boys team displayed talent, dedication, and a strong competitive spirit throughout the tournament. It was a good learning experience for the team and will help them in future competitions.



INTER-SCHOOL OPEN BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP

The 8th Rameshwar Tripathi Memorial All Sonitpur Inter-School Open Badminton Championship was held at Tezpur on 16th and 17th September. The tournament was organised by Tezpur District Sports Association at Tezpur's Polofield Indoor Stadium. Twenty-two schools participated in this tournament. The AVS Badminton Team participated in various categories of the championship and grabbed the highest number of medals. Here are the winners from our school. Heartiest congratulations to the Badminton Contingent and their coach!

Girls' Singles U-19

1st Manonta Kalita
2nd Himanshi Malik
3rd Akansha Bhuyan

Girls' Singles U-17

1st Bhumika Ranjan
2nd Nivisha Malik
3rd Lavanya Garodia

Boys' Singles U-17

3rd Shorya Kanda The Assam Valley School

Boys' Doubles U-15

1st Geet Saikia+Tushar Malik
3rd Aninda Borah+Saksham Sharma
3rd Anubhav Kalita+Prabh Simrat Singh

Boys' Singles U-15

2nd Dhruv Prithani

Girls' Doubles U-13

3rd Dorthy Tokheho+Nang Remum
3rd Tanisha Ullah+Twesha Agarwal

Boys' Doubles U-13

1st Darshil Kalita+Ranuj Duarah

Boys' Singles U-13

3rd Darshil Kalita

Boys' Singles U-11

3rd Tonmoy Raj Baruah
3rd Darshil Kalita

Girls' Doubles U-19

1st Himanshi Malik+Manonta Kalita
2nd Akansha Bhuyan+Dorthy Tokheho
3rd Bhumika Ranjan+Nivisha Malik



Boys' Doubles U-19

2nd Bidda Karbak+Chirag Agarwalla

Mixed Doubles

1st Chirag Agarwalla+Manonta Kalita
2nd Shorya Kanda+Akansha Bhuyan
3rd Bidda Karbak+Himanshi Malik

Ripple #211

-Atoti Zhimomi, XI

*His head upon Delilah's lap,
Samson rested his tired eyes.
She ran her fingers through
His hair, the source of his power.
And the sounds of snipping
escaped him, as did the betrayal.*

Tongue Of Slip!!

1. "Eye flu I have in me." - Kankana Saikia, X (Seems like it has spread to your brain.)
2. "I fall for three times." - Norzin Lhamu Bhutia, XI (Hopefully the fourth is fatal.)
3. "My blood feels light." - Spriha Kashyap, IX (How is that even...? We give up.)
4. "The new movie came out tomorrow right?" - Urvee Rathi, X (Our very own Raven Baxter.)
5. "Imna is eye flu." - Atoti Zhimomi, XI (Next thing you know, she's dengue as well.)

Keep It Reel!

The Thinker

-Reetisha Daimari, XI



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