



# THE FATHER OF THE NATION

-Aayat Hazarika, XI

Mahatma Gandhi, born as Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, is globally revered as one of history's most transformative figures. Born in 1869 in Porbandar, India, Gandhi's life was marked by a deep sense of justice and a desire to alleviate the suffering of the downtrodden. Growing up, he would do just that. Gandhi's philosophy was grounded in the principle of nonviolence, or "Ahimsa." He believed that true change could only be achieved through peaceful means. His famous Salt March in 1930 is a testament to this belief. In an act of civil disobedience, Gandhi led thousands of Indians on a 240-mile march to the coast of Dandi, where he scooped up a handful of salt in defiance of the British salt tax. Gandhi's approach to resistance was deeply rooted in spirituality. He advocated for satyagraha, a

form of non-violent resistance that emphasized the power of truth and moral courage. Through satyagraha, he encouraged people to resist injustice without resorting to hatred or violence. This proved to be a revolutionary change in India's struggle against the Raj. Apart from his political activism, Gandhi was a staunch advocate for social reform. He fought against the deeply entrenched social evils of India, including the caste system and discrimination against women. He believed in the dignity of every individual and worked tirelessly to promote equality and inclusivity. He was also quite fond of children and was also a hard worker who lived what he said; he once reprimanded his wife, Kasturba, for not cleaning the toilets as she deemed it the work of Untouchables, who she considered the lowest of the low and so he took

it upon himself to clean the toilet spaces. Gandhi's legacy extends far beyond the boundaries of India. His principles of non-violence and civil disobedience continue to be powerful tools in the fight against oppression and injustice. His life and teachings remind us of the power of the individual to bring about meaningful change in the world. On January 30th, 1948, Gandhi was assassinated by Nathuram Godse. However, he lives on through his words and deeds. His birthday is celebrated worldwide as the International Day of Non-Violence. Despite some controversial aspects of his life and philosophy, Gandhi's enduring influence reminds us that the pursuit of justice and equality must always be guided by the principles of truth and non-violence, offering a path towards a more compassionate and just world for all.

# Middle East European Corridor

-Zaheen Shah, X

A new world order- India Middle East Europe Economic Corridor or IMEC was launched on September 10th at the G20 summit under India's presidency. It would transport goods from the subcontinent through the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Israel to European markets. Till now on the face of this corridor seems to be just a progressive step towards a more comprehensive transport network through all of these countries. It has been seen as a counter to China's Belt and Road Initiative in the Eurasian Region even though scale-wise BRI is much larger and covers more regions. For India- it's a big win since it allows us to improve connectivity while avoiding territorial disputes. It is a big project and will take time to be brought to implementation. For now we cross our fingers and hope for the best.

# The Anantnag Tragedy

-Neilginryan Das, X

Jammu and Kashmir is a union territory of India, and Anantnag is one of its districts. It is situated in the southern region of the country and is surrounded by the districts of Kulgam to the south, Kishtwar and Doda to the west, Shopian to the east, Pulwama to the north, and Kulgam to the south. Three Indian officers were killed by terrorists on September 15th during a combing operation. The Jammu and Kashmir Deputy Superintendent of Police, Muhammad Hamayun Muzamil Bhat, together with Colonel Manpreet Singh and Major Ashish Dhonack of the Indian Army's Rashtriya Rifles, perished at the hands of terrorists from the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), who receive support from Pakistan. The Pakistani army's backing for the terrorist act revealed the desperate state of the army on the other side of the border. The Indian army continued its search operation for the terrorists who were eventually brought down.

# The Chess Prodigy

-Tanveer Ahmed, X

When India's own Praggnanandha, at only eighteen, became the youngest player ever to qualify for the Chess World Cup finals, records in the chess world were broken. The young chess prodigy attained the titles of "International Master" and "Grand Master" by the ages of ten and twelve, respectively. To reach the finals of the Chess World Cup 2023, he had to defeat Grand Masters like Hikaru Nakamura who are ranked at number 3. In the finals, he faced Magnus Carlsen, who is the best player in the world currently, and after a series of tie-breakers, Magnus emerged victorious. Praggnanandha has demonstrated his genius to the entire world and never ceases to astound us with his amazing chess skills.

# Vivek Ramaswami

-Aanya Paul Sarkar, X

Vivek Ramasawami is a first-generation American who has lived the full arc of the American dream. An entrepreneur who believes in building things to solve problems in the world is now trying his hand at Politics, running for the post of American Presidency as the youngest candidate. Ramasawami has made quite a name for himself in a way that is the most significant when it comes to gaining or losing popularity- By being controversial. Despite the fact that reports have found white supremacy to be on the rise, Ramaswami has expressed that he doesn't believe in the existence of white supremacists, saying that he will probably meet a unicorn sooner. His definition of being a conservative was that 'Hardship is not a choice. Victimhood is'. A pianist as well as a nationally ranked tennis player in high school, Ramasawmi founded his company 'Roivant' at the age of twenty-nine. His anti-abortion stand, along with doing away with H1 visas popular amongst Indians and shutting down the FBI, has him pitted as the dark horse in the 2024 American Presidential race.

# “Men will be Men”

-Tasmin Ahmed, XI

Centuries ago, the dominant gender, male, was the highest form of authority. They had control over estate inheritance, basically everything. The other pre-existing genders got used to the dominant status of men, and sadly, the majority was somewhat fine with it. With the power that was given to men in that era came the colloquial expression "Men will be men". It is often used to excuse or justify certain behaviours that are commonly associated with men, especially behaviours that might be considered stereotypically masculine, impulsive, or even mildly inappropriate. The phrase is used with a sense of humor in society, through which many unpleasant behaviours are simply dismissed because people tend to believe that no change can be made in a man's mind. Obviously, it sounds absurd, but that is the reality of gender discrimination with misogyny at their core. The lightheartedness and the lack of criticism and questioning of unjustifiable behaviour pose a threat to equality. However, on the flip side, it is even more harmful to males themselves because some emotions tend to be disregarded for the sake of masculinity. It sets a benchmark for what it means to be a man, and therefore, the sole beauty of masculinity is stripped away from many men.

# Toxic Feminism

-Atoti Zhimomi, XI

The term "feminism" has become so overused that it has lost all meaning. The term has evolved over time from being an innovative and potent way to characterise a movement, aimed to put both sexes on equal footing to being used to describe a sentiment that is nothing short of man-hating in the general public psyche. It began as a movement to get women to work as the men did, for them to gain the same rights as their counterparts but in this day and age, with its radically liberal ideas, has skewed this. Women liberals misinterpret this to mean that every single woman must be a bread-winner, must be a single, child-less, business mogul in order to be a truly empowered woman. The point of the movement was to give women the right to work, not force them into it. A woman should be allowed to feel fulfilled however she sees fit, whether it be working with stock market shares or little children she loves to call her own. This toxicity and obsession with making every woman an entrepreneur who “doesn’t need a man” has to come to an end because we have to realize that empowerment does not mean powering others down.

*Campus Caricature*

## Feverish dAYS

Illustration: Imnalemla Imchen, XII





## NAGAON BLIND SCHOOL VISIT

The AVS Social Service League visited The Nagaon Blind School on the 1st of October. The main objective of the visit was to draw up a programme to partner in a project with NBS. It was a learning experience for the SSL who witnessed the commitment and enthusiasm with which the school was managed, emphasizing inclusive education and student empowerment for those who are visually impaired. The students also learnt about the Braille system.

## THE BOKAKHAT CHILDREN HOME

The AVS Social Service League visited the Bokakhat Children's Home on the 2nd of October. The home takes in and looks after children who are the victims of child abuse and child labour. The SSL will work closely with the home to help provide educational and other support for the children in the home.





# IPSC BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

The Assam Valley School participated in the IPSC Badminton tournament 2023 at the Pinegrove School, Himachal Pradesh from the 26th to 29th of September 2023.

A team of 13 students accompanied by two teachers participated in the event.

The students participated in various categories of team and individual matches.

## Achievements at a glance:

### Under 19 Category

Hemanshi Malik, Manonta Kalita, Lavanya Garodia and Akansha Bhuyan won the Bronze medal in team event

Manonta Kalita of class 11 has been selected in SGFI.



# HEADMASTERS ADDRESS



The Headmaster, Dr. Amit Jugran was invited to address the new recruits at the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) at Salonibari.

# THE OUTPOST

ED has arrested the owners and senior journalists of the website NewsClick on charges of funds from China promoting Chinese propoganda. The Pakistani army plans to keep Imran Khan in jail during the upcoming elections. The 150 cases against him makes this a doable proposition. The Indo- Canadian spat escalates as India asks 41 Canadian diplomats to return to Canada. Bihar releases its caste census with the hope to make the most of divisive politics. Sikkim reels under a flash flood caused by cloud-burst with over 23 army men missing along with civilians raking concern over the Himalayan region.



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## Ripple #206

-Tanveer Ahmed, X

There he stood,  
With the debris of the city  
Around him.  
A mirror in his hand  
Staring at his image  
Finally realizing  
What his actions have come  
to.

## Tongue Of Slip!!

1. "He is from Nepali."- Lochan Rana XI  
(New country?)
2. "Use my speaker to charge my speaker." -  
Nabadeep Deka, XII (Forget the charger, get  
a grammar book.)
3. "There's a fridge inside a magnet" - Sir  
Umesh (The laws of English don't seem to  
apply to physics.)
4. "Go sit behind the chair" - Richie  
Konhoujam, X (You're behind in life.)
5. "Why is their hair on my head?" - Aanya  
Paul Sarkar, X (You have more hair than  
braincells.)

## Keep It Reel!

*Quiet chaos*

-Reetisha Damary, XI



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