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In the world of geopolitics, maps are not just pieces of paper depicting boundaries; they are powerful tools that can reshape international relations and stir up controversies. China officially released the 2023 edition of its “standard map” on August 28 which included Arunachal Pradesh, a region claimed by both China and India. Historically speaking, Arunachal Pradesh, nestled in the northeastern part of India, has been a bone of contention between China and India for decades. China claims the region as “South Tibet” and has long contested India’s sovereignty over it.

It might seem like a simple update to a map, but it serves as a reminder that international relations are a dynamic and ever-evolving field. Imagine this as a massive game of geopolitical chess, where each move can have far-reaching consequences. China’s decision to incorporate Arunachal Pradesh is a strategic maneuver aimed at strengthening its territorial claims and asserting dominance in the region. It’s akin to saying, “We’re here, and we’re not going anywhere.” With China making its move, India couldn’t let China’s map tweak go unnoticed. India has vehemently condemned the move, asserting its sovereignty over Arunachal Pradesh. This maneuver has also raised concerns among India’s allies, such as the United States and Japan, who see it as an aggressive stance by China. This is a real-world example of how seemingly small actions on the global stage can have ripple effects, potentially leading to tensions between nations.

Zooming out from the map, this controversy underscores the complexities of international relations. Borders are not just lines on a page; they are symbols of power, identity, and history. In this case, China’s map revision is a bold statement about its vision for the future of Asia, one where it plays a dominant role. The dispute over Arunachal Pradesh isn’t just about lines on a map; it’s

CHINA’S BOLD MOVE: ARUNACHAL PRADESH

-Norzin Lhamu Bhutia, XI



Illustrated by Immalemla Imchen, XII

about power, politics, and the hopes and dreams of millions of people caught in the middle.

Campus Caricature

SUI!!!

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CAMPUS NEWS

IPSC MUSIC FEST

The prestigious Inter-School event “IPSC MUSIC FEST, 2023” was organised by L.K. Singhania Education Centre, Gotan, Rajasthan from the 19th to the 21st of September. A total of 13 Schools took part in this Fest from different parts of India. It was a highly competitive event. Drengo Mihi from the AVS Music Team bagged the Outstanding Award in Western Solo Instrumental. Heartiest congratulations!



HINDI POETRY RECITATION

The Upper School Individual Hindi Poetry Recitation was held on the 23rd of September. 17 students participated from across classes 9 to 12. The following are the results:

Pahal Bajaj	1st
Anushka Jitani	2nd
Sanchi Lalani	3rd



SQUASH UPDATES

We are very glad to inform that three students of the AVS Squash Team had participated in the Senior National Games trials held at Guwahati on the 23rd and 24th of September 2023. Aarnav Dutta (N-3371) of 11-CA has been selected to represent the Assam Squash Team in the upcoming 37th National Games which will be hosted at Goa.



IPSC VOLLEYBALL

The Assam Valley School Volleyball team participated in the All India IPSC Volleyball Tournament (Under - 17 Girls category) held at Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior from 15th to 19th September 2023 and secured the 4th position.



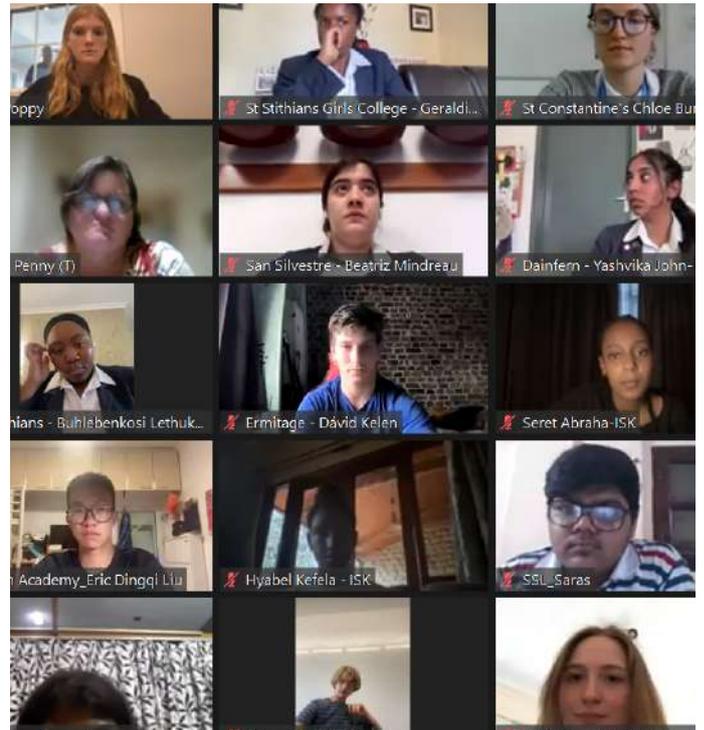
DEBATE AT ASSAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Pratiti Barua Class 11HB and Priashi Khakholia of Class 11 CA escorted by Mrs. Rupali Borah, HOD Commerce, participated in an All Assam Debate Competition organised by Assam Chambers of Commerce on 24th September 2023 in Guwahati. 58 participants from different Colleges and Universities of Assam took part in it. It was a learning and enriching experience for the participants.



ROUND SQUARE ZOOM POSTCARD CALL

On September 20, 2023, Dainfern College of South Africa conducted a Round Square Zoom Postcard Call. Six students from The Assam Valley School, Jay Vardhan Patwari, Hiya Keshan, Bariskhem Pohti, Mahika Barooah, Praveka Kasera, and Tenzin Dekie participated in this online event. This conference was based on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as the Global Goals, are a group of 17 interrelated goals that are meant to act as a “common blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future.” There were heated discussions about the problems, the current situation, and possible solutions. The Conference was fun and engaging and deepened the student’s perspective of the world at large.



THE OUTPOST

Canadian Prime Minister, Trudeau, expelled a top Indian diplomat on Monday as it investigates what Prime Minister Justin Trudeau called “credible allegations” that India’s government may have been involved in the assassination of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a Khalistani separatist. In an extremely shocking and frankly, embarrassing, move, the Canadian Government invited and honoured a Nazi Veteran of Hitler’s elite corps with a standing ovation as a “war hero” in Canadian parliament. Rahul Gandhi visited the Anand Vihar railway station in Delhi dressed up as a coolie and carried a trolley-suitcase on his head through the station in a reach-out act.



Illustrated by Ssara Jha, XII

CAMPUS OPINION: A NEW SEMESTER

DANI SANYO, IX

The Founders' Semester is well-known among students for its well-known Founder's celebration. During this time, students and teachers collaborate to put on a show or exhibition in which the students can showcase their unique abilities and skills. Nobody can discuss the Founder's Semester without mentioning the Food Court, which is a major draw for many of us during this term. It's not that Mr. Jha's cuisine isn't appreciated; it's just that every now and then, we need to have some fun and eat some pizza! While Founder's has been around for a while, each year brings something new. Even while the system is the same, there is always the possibility to make fresh memories - and this year will be no exception.



TABA NYIKUM, IX

As a new student, I have had high expectations for the Founders' Semester ever since the beginning of the Summer Semester. Although, my expectations are most likely due to the conversations I've had with my peers; it may also be because of my own personal indolence as I am enticed by the idea of no classes, but I digress. I have high hopes for this semester's Founder's Day event, which I hope will be fantastic. Of course, I'll do my best to attend this happy occasion. However, there isn't much going on right now, at least not from my perspective. This is presumably due to the fact that it is only the first week of the semester, but nevertheless, it is still unfortunate. With all of these thoughts racing through my mind, I've chosen to buckle down and wait patiently for the time to come.

CHINGKHEINGANBI NONGTHOMBAM, IX

A new semester has frequently represented a fresh start for all of us. Now that the Founder's Semester has begun, we can complete the academic year as improved versions of ourselves. It's almost as if we've been granted another chance. Even though the events are basically the same every year, I can't help but think about the fresh possibilities that this semester will offer. It is at this time that I have been able to learn new sides of each individual I know with each little event, such as the evenings they stay up late practicing and the times they spend showing their abilities and aptitude on stage. I hope that with the new semester, we all can be open to all of the new people, experiences and second chances that we get.

Compiled by Rianna Iron, IX

Ripple #212

-Atoti Zhimomi, XI

I peep into the kitchen
After I hear a sound
There stood my mother.
I reach out to her
When I remember that
I just came back from her funeral

Tongue Of Slip!!

1. "My brother was pregnant with my mom." -Aira Thoudam, XI (*It's nothing short of a miracle.*)
2. "My dog is the brother." -Tivona Narzary, XI (*Such odd families here.*)
3. "You have to effort enough to do that." -Mr. Parth Parasher (*Maybe our efforts should go into our grammar instead.*)
4. "Desk under don't look." -Anushka Singh, XI (*Okay, okay we won't.*)
5. "I'm Prapti." -Aditya Gargo, X (*Highlight of the week.*)

Keep It Reel!

Vexation

-Reetisha Daimari



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