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“रिक्तबोर्डवेष्ट इ थैत व्हीके लीबेराटइ”

NEW YEAR-NEW ME!

Monthly Recap



- **16th January:** Session resumes (CI IV Upwards)
- **16th January:** Pre-Board for CI X & XII Starts
- **20th January:** Village Field Trip (CI V)
- **20th - 22nd January:** Inter House Table Tennis (CI VI-XII)
- **20th - 23rd January:** Inter House Football (CI IV & V)
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- **24th January:** National Girl Child Day
- **24th January:** Inter House Science Quiz Satva
- **26th January:** Republic Day Celebration
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- **29th January:** Pre-Board for CI X & XII Ends
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- **30th January:** Power of Gratitude CI VII
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- **31st January:** Staff VS Student Football match
- **31st January:** Festive Friday



From The Editor's Desk

Gauri Juyal (XI-A)

THE JOY IN MISSING

Dear dutiful readers!

I hope you had the most mesmerising 'red carpet' entry into the New Year while I am still stuck in March 2021! For those who remember, last time (or shall I say last year!) I talked and gave my perspective about 'happiness'. Let us dive into a little sadder topic this time.

The beauty in reminiscing.

Wonderable, how is it sad, right? Well, in August 2024, I had to bid my elder sister goodbye as she decided to study abroad after school. Sharing a bed since birth, sharing pencils since the age of 4 and sharing sobs and griefs since the age of 14, I had a support system who had already experienced the things I was going to face ahead in my life. But she decided to go. 12,000 km away from me. I knew and told the world that I would not cry! I am getting the whole room and the closet to myself! But maybe that was my way of telling or rather restraining myself from being sad.

After 5 months of living in an empty room and wearing boring clothes, I do not feel bad about the solitude anymore because my thoughts are supported by the memories I made with her (since birth!). Indulging in reminiscence is about talking about past experiences with pleasure.

The same occurred a few days ago when my classmates and I had to bid farewell to our seniors. Being too invested in producing the most fabulous and mind-blowing party, we forgot to think about what it would be like when they would not be there anymore. Whom would we play soccer with and who would we blame when the ball goes out of the court, tell and seek advice when things are not going our way, ask question papers from, or even just have an older presence around, which gives you the feeling that you are not alone and have someone to look out for you. It made one thing pretty clear to me:

It is never so hurtful for the person who leaves as much as it is for the person who has to stay back.

But then again, the whole beauty of missing someone is that it is a way of our heart reminding us of how much we adore them. And it gets easy every day because the place they leave empty is slowly filled with snippets of memories, which we reminisce, smile upon and get going with life.



LEO THE LEOPARD

Oshin Jindal (XI-A)

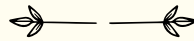


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— ANKURAM —



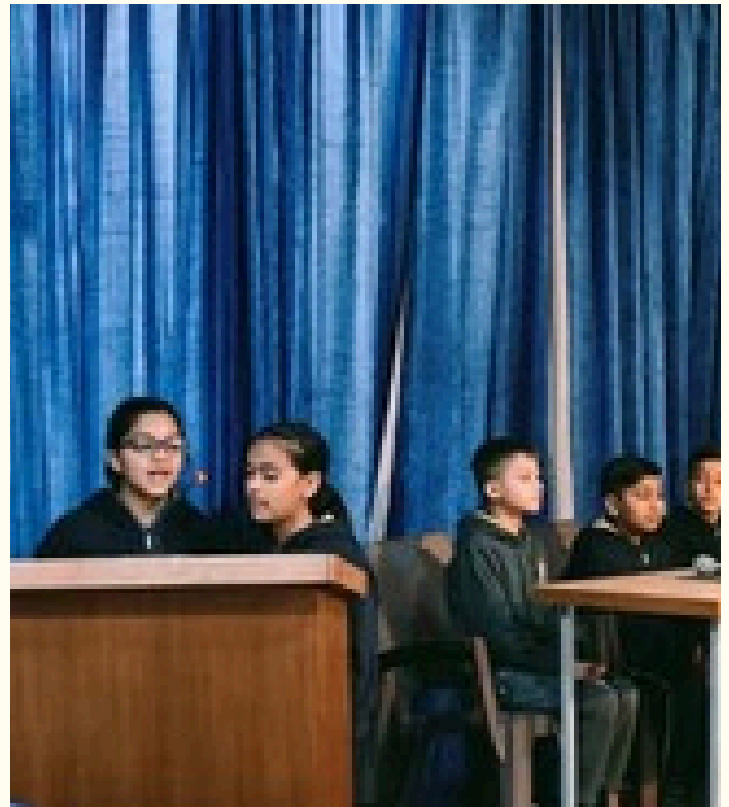
Inter-house Science Quiz: SC QUIZZICAL



On January 30, 2025, I had the opportunity to watch the Inter House Science Quiz – Sc-Quizzical. Apart from the normal question-answer round, a special round called Science Scrabble really intrigued me, where participants had to spell the correct answers. This was my favourite part of the quiz!

I am also very impressed by how well some students were prepared. They answered questions quickly and confidently. It made me realize that learning science can be fun and challenging.

Watching the quiz made me want to participate in the future. When I reach Class IV, I will make sure to prepare well. I want to be part of this amazing experience and try the Science Scrabble round myself. I can't wait for my turn!

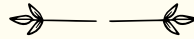




Kaleidoscope

ERYA

An Amazing Internship



I have been posting my writings on Instagram for the past few months. Ms Neelam, The Editor of an international enterprise, The Healthy Indian Project, read them and got in touch with my family.

I got a fabulous opportunity to intern at her company which is based in Delhi and funded by Google and Meta. The main goal of the company is to spread awareness about health.

My internship began on 7th January 2025 and concluded on 11th January 2025. Going to a real office was a totally new experience for me. Having such brilliant and accommodating colleagues was an absolute privilege! The office, for me, was an abode of learning.

I majorly wrote for their magazine. The learnings gathered from this hands-on experience were extremely fruitful. An exposure to the outside world really helped me in boosting my knowledge. Everyone in the office was ready to answer any queries and gave me realistic and inspiring advice relating to my career.

I also learnt a lot about health and eccentric syndromes which I started to experience the moment I wrote about them! I really enjoyed my time there. The internship was morale-boosting and the cognition received was truly fascinating.

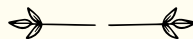
I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of something truly vital to the community!



Vihaan Ahlawat
IX B



Republic Day Celebration



The students arrived dressed in white traditional attire, symbolising peace and unity, marking the beginning of the day's celebration. The flag hoisting ceremony was conducted by our esteemed Chairman, Mr. Rakesh Oberai, followed by the solemn rendition of the national anthem, which instilled a deep sense of patriotism in the hearts of all present.

Our school captain, Gauri Juyal, delivered a heartfelt and eloquent speech that resonated profoundly with everyone in attendance. Her words left a lasting impression, reminding us of the importance of national unity, pride, and the responsibilities we carry as citizens of India.

The celebration continued with a musical performance by our talented school choir, who sang a melodious national spirit song, captivating the audience and further elevating the patriotic atmosphere. This was followed by a graceful and energetic dance performance by the girls, which beautifully embodied the cultural vibrancy of our nation.

The event reached a thought-provoking climax with a powerful Nukkad Natak, performed by members of the theatre club. Through their dramatic portrayal, they reminded us of our fundamental rights and responsibilities as citizens of India, emphasizing the importance of safeguarding our freedoms and upholding the values enshrined in the Constitution.

Overall, the celebration was a resounding success, leaving everyone with a renewed sense of national pride and a deeper appreciation for the values that define us as Indians.



Vaishnavi Kothari
XI-A

शब्द सृजन

"नवोदिते भास्करे भास्करस्य तेजः।"

अर्थ: "उदय होते सूर्य के साथ, सूर्य का तेज स्वयं नया होकर प्रकाशित होता है।"



1. एक पेड़ में एक ही पत्ती, वो भी रंग-बिरंगी,
करते सभी नमन हैं उसको, मन में भरे उमंग।
2. वैसे मैं काला, जलाओ तो लाल,
फेंको तो सफेद, खोलो मेरा भेद।
3. काला मुंह, लाल शरीर,
कागज़ को वो खा जाता,
रोज़ शाम को पेट फाड़कर कोई उन्हें ले जाता।
4. चार कोनों का नगर बना, चार कुए बिन पानी,
चौर 18 उसमें बैठे, लिए एक रानी।
आया एक दरोगा, सबको पीट-पीटकर कुएँ में डाला,
बताओ क्या?
5. रात को आता, दिन में जाता,
सूरज से उरता, पर चाँद का साथी कहलाता।



बूझो तो जानें हिंदी पहेलियाँ

जिज्ञासा कुकरेती
XI

Highlights Hub

20 to
22-01-25

Inter-house Table Tennis (VI-XII)

1st Position – Mahit House
2nd Position – Daivik House
3rd Position – Vinaya House

24-01-25

Inter-house Science Quiz (Satva)

1st Position – Daivik House
2nd Position – Vinaya House
3rd Position – Prasatti House

27 to
29-01-25

Inter-house Kho Kho (VI-IX & XI)

Girls:
Winner – Daivik House
Runner-Up – Prasatti House

Boys:
Winner – Vinaya House
Runner-Up – Prasatti House

18-12-24

Sc-Quizzical (III-V)

1 st Position – Oriole House
2 nd Position – Cardinal House
3 rd Position – Pelican House and Starling House

O.A.S.I.S

OUTSTANDING-ATHLETICISM- SPEED- INTEGRITY-
SPORTS

EL CLASICO

By Aanya Soni
XI - A

El clasico- 'The classic' in english- is a term used to refer to football matches between renowned rivals: FC Barcelona and Real Madrid C.F. El clasico is regarded as one of the most intense sporting rivalries till date, with hundreds of millions watching the matches from all over the world. El clasico matches are always intense, and the most fiercely contested in the world of football. El clasicos come with epic celebrations often involving mockery from both sides, while also uniting and dividing fans across the world, creating one of the most deeply rooted rivalries in football.

The most recent two el clasico's have occurred in the last few weeks. One being the final of the Supercopa de España which took place on the 13th of January 2025 and the other being the final of the Supercopa de España Femenina which took place on the 26th of January 2025.

On January 13th, the men's teams faced each other off for the final of the Supercopa de España that took place in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Barcelona delivered an outstanding performance full of passion and intensity. The match started with Kylian Mbappe scoring in the first 5 minutes of the game! Lamine Yamal the young prodigy was quick to respond with a goal in the 22'nd minute. Barcelona's first goal was just the start of their reign over Madrid. Robert Lewandowski scored a penalty in the 36'th minute securing Barcelona's second goal. Raphinha scored a banger in the 39'th minute making the score 3-1. But the goals didn't stop there. Just before halftime, Alejandro Balde scored an amazing counterattack goal just before half time (45+10'), ending half time with a score of 4-1 (barcelona- Madrid).

After half time, Raphinha scored his second goal in the 48'th minute, making the score 5-1. Even though Barcelona was dominating the game, the Madrid players didn't give up and still gave it their all, their constant effort rewarded them with a goal in the 60'th minute scored by Rodrygo. From the 60'th minute till the final whistle, there were constant attacks on goal by Madrid but unfortunately Madrid was unable to score a goal.

The final whistle was eventually blown after 8 minutes of extra time, declaring Barcelona as champions of the Supercopa de Espana. The match ended with joyful celebrations from Barca players and their fans (Culers), while the Madrid players and their fans (Madridistas) were left in disappointment.



On 26th of January, the women's teams faced each other off for the Supercopa de España Femenina final that was held in Leganés, Spain. Similar to the men, the women also showcased an excellent display of football, talent and skills, against their rivals, Real Madrid. The first goal of the match was scored by Caroline Graham Hansen in the 31'st minute of the game, giving Barcelona a lead. The next goal was scored by Ewa Pajor in the 37'th minute, but Ewa didn't stop there and scored another banger just before half time (45+4'), ending half time with a lead of 3-0 against their rival. In the 62'nd minute, Patricia Guijarro scored an amazing goal from outside the penalty box. Two time Ballon d'or winner, Alexia Putellas sealed Barcelona's win with a goal in the 85'th minute, adding the cherry on top of an already brilliant performance.

The final whistle was blown, declaring Barcelona the winners of the Supercopa de España Femenina. The Barcelona women absolutely dominated over Madrid and became champions with an easy 5-0 win. The Barcelona women then rightfully celebrated with their all, as the madrid players were left disheartened.

El Clásico is one of the most viewed football events in the world with hundreds of millions of fans all over the world and is known to showcase the best of football skill, rivalry, and emotion all packed into 90 minutes of pure intensity and passion.

El Clásico is more than just a football match; it is a battle of history, pride, and passion between Spain's two biggest and greatest clubs. The most recent El clasico matches have once again proved how this rivalry is the epitome of football competitiveness and sportsmanship.



Pleasers in Power

Jigyasa Kukreti

XI A

GLOBAL LENS



Credits: GK Today

Assam's Second Capital:
Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced that Dibrugarh would be upgraded to a full-fledged city and serve as the second capital of Assam.



Credits: OpIndia

Uttarakhand's Manual for Uniform Civil Code:
Uttarakhand's government approved a comprehensive manual for its Uniform Civil Code (UCC), aiming to standardise personal laws across the state.

"People say a leader must not be too idealistic, but I believe a leader without ideals is a follower of the status quo—fit not for progress, but for pleasing. And pleasing doesn't build a better future; it only sustains the present, often at the cost of true development."

- me (Jigyasa Kukreti)

What comes to your mind when you hear the word "leader"? What's your idea of a leader? Is it a team leader, a political leader, or maybe even a class monitor? Who is a LEADER?

For me, a leader is someone who has the guts to call out what's right and what's wrong, no matter the situation. Sure, people say a leader's job is to keep things peaceful and make sure everyone gets along. That is one way to look at it. But what happens when a leader has to choose between keeping harmony by ignoring what's right or taking the harder path that sticks to their values? What would you do in that situation? Tough, isn't it?

The sad truth is that ideas like honesty and doing what's right are more like fairy tales now. The moment you talk about morals, people laugh and say, "You can't survive in this world with that kind of thinking." So, what should we do? Join the bandwagon and become a "pleaser in power" like everyone else? Or take the tougher road and stay true to ourselves, even if it makes us a "lost idealist"?

Take the recent elections in Uttarakhand and Delhi as an example. Just a few days before voting, this documentary called "Unbreakable" was released. It was about how some AAP leaders were arrested during the Lok Sabha elections. And guess what? It was banned in most parts of the country, if not all. Now, think about it—the timing of the release and the ban. Feels like someone's trying to play mind games, doesn't it?

In villages, people are paid outright to vote for a particular party. In cities, the trick is to make us fight among ourselves for their benefit. And at the local level? People are bribed with food, parties, free stuff, and promises of power. Honestly, what do we even call these people? Leaders? Or just really smart pleasers? The irony is that they're the ones sitting at the top, enjoying all the perks, while those who stick to their values are forgotten.

Before elections, new faces suddenly pop up, acting all concerned. Near my house, the roads have been a mess for ages. But just before elections, the Parshad magically shows up, walking on those same pothole-filled roads, smiling and asking for votes. It's almost like watching a movie. Then there are banners, flags, and posters—all begging for our attention. Some candidates even pull the "I'm your Pahadi Brother" card. Really? And let's be honest: we are very good at criticising or preaching, but how many of us even bother reading the manifestos before voting?

Here's the thing: our state recently hosted the 38th National Games. The area near Maharana Pratap Sports College got a complete makeover overnight. Roads were fixed, buildings were cleaned, and everything suddenly looked perfect. If they could do that in a month to impress the Prime Minister, imagine what could be done in five years if they cared that much all the time.

Some people proudly declare, "I hate politics—that's why I don't vote or affiliate with any party." But let's be real—can we actually escape politics? Politics isn't just in government or elections. It's everywhere—in schools, colleges, workplaces, civil services, even hospitals. You name it; there's politics. And even if you somehow find a place without it, does that mean we can ignore what's happening in our country? Absolutely not.

We, the people of India, are responsible for everything happening here. Every rupee spent, every policy made—it all traces back to our choices. Whether it's through voting or staying silent, our actions (or inactions) shape the nation.

The purpose of this column isn't just to rant, but to remind us what true leadership is and why our role matters. We must be aware to ensure we're not trading our votes for freebies or empty promises.

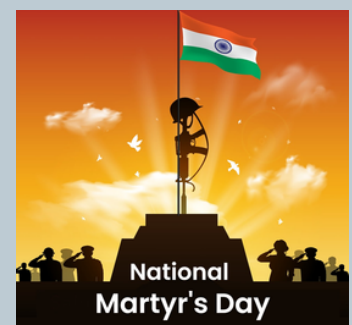
As we mark the 76th year of our Republic, let's make a simple yet powerful promise to ourselves: to vote wisely. Let's put aside our biases and prejudices when we step into that polling booth. And let's hold those in power accountable—not just once in five years, but every single day. Because that's the only way to build a better future—for us and for the generations to come.



Credits: India Today

Southern California Wildfires:

Southern California faced a severe wildfire crisis. Multiple wildfires wreaked havoc across the region, leading to mass evacuations and extensive property damage.



Credits: AISSMS

Chronicles of January:

January 12: National Youth Day – Celebrating the birth of Swami Vivekananda.

January 13: Lohri – A vibrant festival celebrated primarily in Punjab, Lohri marks the end of winter and the beginning of the harvest season.

January 15: Army Day – Honoring the Indian Army, this day celebrates the appointment of the first Commander-in-Chief and the valor of the armed forces.

January 26: Republic Day – Commemorating the adoption of India's Constitution in 1950.

January 27: International Holocaust Remembrance Day – Commemorating the victims of the Holocaust, this day serves as a reminder of the atrocities of World War II and the importance of preventing future genocides.

January 30: Martyrs' Day – A day to remember the sacrifices made by those who fought for India's independence.



EUREKA! I HAVE FOUND IT



INFERNO

Arshiya Sandlas Chandna

XI A

In Los Angeles, the risk of wildfires is as much a part of the landscape as the iconic Hollywood sign. Fueled by powerful winds and dry conditions, a series of ferocious wildfires erupted on Jan. 7 and roared across the Los Angeles area, killing at least 29 people, including some who died trying to prevent the fires from engulfing their homes, and destroying thousands of structures.

While lightning is the most common source of fires in the U.S., according to the National Fire Protection Association, investigators were able to rule that out quickly. There were no reports of lightning in the Palisades area or the terrain around the Eaton fire, which started in east Los Angeles County and has also destroyed hundreds of homes. In the first instance, LA is experiencing a climatological phenomenon called “Santa Ana winds” that leads to strong and very dry winds that create dangerous fire weather conditions. These winds are further accelerated by the topography of the narrow mountain valleys leading down to LA and the coast. It’s important to recognize several things about the current fires in LA that make them different from past fire disasters in California.

First, this is happening in the winter rather than in the more typical fire season in the West, which is during the late summer, when high temperatures and dry conditions raise the risk of ignition. Second, while some of the fires in Los Angeles County, like the Kenneth fire in the wildland, have their primary fuel source coming from the vegetation—the Palisades fire, in particular, has become an urban conflagration in which much of the fuel is provided by buildings. So it is not clear that trimming the vegetation to manage fuel loads on the landscape is going to mitigate the risk all that much.

The growth of Los Angeles has directly contributed to the frequency and scale of wildfires. As more people move into the foothills and canyon areas, known as the “wildland-urban interface,” the danger increases. While wildfires cause immediate destruction—homes burned, lives lost, communities shattered—the long-term consequences are just as severe. Air quality can degrade tremendously, with wildfire smoke affecting not only the immediate vicinity but travelling hundreds of miles, impacting areas far beyond the fire zone as well as respiratory illnesses, particularly among children and the elderly.

As global temperatures continue to rise, the frequency and intensity of wildfires will likely increase, leading to more destruction, loss of life, and environmental damage. Tackling climate change by reducing global emissions and improving wildfire management is crucial in reducing these risks.



Bloom of the Month

‘GOD’-NESS GRACIOUS ELIXIR!

By Gauri Juyal
XI A

Botanical name: *Tinospora cordifolia*

Common name: Giloy

Flowering season: May to June

Native: India

Giloy is a climbing shrub that grows on other trees and is considered an essential herbal plant in Ayurvedic and folk medicine, where people use it as a treatment for a wide range of health conditions. Giloy shrub's heart-shaped leaves are simple and alternating with long petioles up to 15cm long and dark green in colour. Giloy flowers are unisexual, with male flowers grouped and female flowers solitary.

Ethnobotany:-

It is a widely used plant in folk and Ayurvedic systems of medicine. In Hindu mythological terms, Giloy is that heavenly elixir that has saved celestial beings from old age and kept them eternally young. This is because it is known for having immune-enhancement, anti-diabetic, antipyretic, anti-inflammatory, and antioxidant properties, which would certainly keep anyone evergreen and ever-fresh!

Benefits:-

- Giloy has natural antipyretic properties, which means it is effective in decreasing fever and fighting infections. It works towards bringing down the temperature in certain conditions like malaria, dengue, viral fever, etc.
- Dengue as an illness causes a notable fall in platelet counts, leading to the person losing strength and causing complications. Giloy enhances the count of platelets and hence immunity and favours the recovery process.
- Poor digestion leads to acidity, bloating, and constipation. The same is very effectively dealt with by Giloy for better gut health whereas, in addition, it aids in good digestion and reducing the irritation of the intestines.
- One of the blessings of Giloy is its power to build up a human body's immune system. It purifies the blood by acting as a natural detoxifier to make sure that the body is brought high on its defences against all infections.

Guide to Grow:-

- **Seed:** Purchase good quality seeds from the nursery, and soak them in water overnight. During May-July, sow the seeds in a pot filled with a seed starting mix. Keep in any bright location and mist regularly. The seeds will sprout within 7-10 days.
- **Cuttings:** Snip off a 5-7 inches long, fresh and healthy stem from a well-established plant, it is advisable to make the cut at a 45-degree angle. Apply some rooting hormone to the cut section and plant the cutting directly in a garden bed or container filled with potting mix. Keep at a bright but shady place and water regularly.





Coldplay's Records breaking Records!!

By Karmanye Goel

XI A

A popular wave of fan following from India has swarmed the serene and famous band- Coldplay.

The band's recent visit to India was a sight to behold and a dream come true for all the Indian fans that awaited their return! However, one show in particular caught the eye of fans not just in India but fans who are across the world. On January 25th, 2025, Coldplay performed in Ahmedabad at the Narendra Modi Stadium. A shocking record for the highest attendance in the concert tour was broken that night. Compared to the previous record held by popular pop artist, Taylor Swift, the band surpassed it by 93,000 more fans that very night. An extreme feeling of delight and excitement spread across the stadium as fans sang their favourite songs with joy and glee.

Coldplay's tour titled: "Music of the Spheres" consisted of the particular performance that broke the Guinness world record for the most attendance in a concert with a staggering 223,000 fans across both nights. However, the band's vehement success was not achieved in a span of a few months. Let's travel back in time and study how exactly the band has reached where it is today.

Coldplay was formed in 1996 at University College London (UCL) by Chris Martin (vocals, piano, guitar), Jonny Buckland (guitar), Guy Berryman (bass), and Will Champion (drums). The band's name was inspired by a friend who thought "Coldplay" sounded suitably melancholic and evocative. Although the band did not receive much attention in the early stages of their career, their debut album, *Parachutes*, shot them towards a glimpse of success with major hits like "Yellow". The album also won the Grammy for Best Alternative Music Album 2002. From there onwards, album after album and single after single was always a hit in the top charts of music.

Over the years, Coldplay has also had a connection to its Indian fandom in many significant ways. Their deep love and affection towards our country was shown when the band collaborated with the face of Bollywood music, A.R Rahman in 2014 for the film, "Unbroken" and two years later performed live with him again and sang our favourite patriotic song "Vande Mataram" with him. Apart from major collabs like the one discussed, The music video for one of the most popular songs from the band, "Hymn for the Weekend", was shot in Mumbai, India alongside one of the most famous female artists, Beyonce. The video features prominent Indian Culture and heritage throughout its duration.

The British Band has shown its significance and influence towards our musical interests for over two decades and still continues to do so. The recent record breaking achievement is a testament to other music performers and future performances that will soon be held in our developing nation. Let's hope for their return once again in the future so that some of us can witness their art not through our phones but through our very own eyes.

Liberal Education and the Art of Thinking Differently

Raghav Oberai

As a parent of a Grade 12 child, I have recently had to research on the best university options that are available today for the younger generation. Many children might not want to fit the mold for the typical subject-specific degrees in Engineering, Medicine or Commerce. With the evolving opportunities and certainly the advent of AI, the education industry has been challenged to re-invent itself to build skills and competencies in their graduates that are actually valued by employers and innovators in the real world.

At The OASIS, we have sought to create well-rounded individuals through holistic and experiential learning who can think and adapt to the ever-changing world around them. So what are the essential skills needed for the upcoming generations, especially with the advent and mass adoption of AI. Research has shown that the skills that won't be challenged by AI are the basic yet complex humane abilities that will be difficult for AI to replicate.

Vocational skills that require working in varied environments, adapting to unique challenges, and applying practical knowledge in real-time. Physical dexterity, spatial awareness, and on-the-spot decision-making are needed, which makes them resilient to automation. Hands-on expertise and problem-solving skills that AI cannot replicate.

On the other hand, building higher Emotional Intelligence with traits around human empathy, interpersonal skills, and ethical judgment—qualities that AI cannot fully understand will be key differentiators. Positions that require providing compassionate care, and making critical ethical decisions will remain indispensable. Leadership and strategic management skills with high-level strategic decision-making and leadership capabilities. These roles involve understanding complex, multifaceted problems, weighing risks and benefits, and making decisions that steer organizations toward success.

Another aspect is building creativity, as the essence of creativity involves inspiration, cultural subtleties, and deep emotional connections. The ability to convey human experiences, emotions, and unique perspectives ensures that creative professionals remain at the forefront of their fields. The roles mentioned above emphasize human interaction, emotional intelligence, and creativity—qualities that AI can't replicate yet. As AI continues to evolve, it's essential to focus on developing and enhancing these uniquely human skills to stay ahead. By leveraging our innate abilities in empathy, strategic thinking, and creativity, we can ensure a harmonious coexistence with AI and secure our place in the future job market. While AI will continue to augment and transform various aspects of work, the importance of human expertise, intuition, and emotional intelligence remains paramount. Embracing change, continuously learning, and adapting to new technologies will be key to thriving in an AI-enhanced world.

So, what job is most safe from AI? It's the ones that require the irreplaceable touch of human skills—those that make us uniquely human.

Now students must choose colleges that enhance these traits in their personality. My research into colleges brought forth the new age Liberal Arts Education Universities that are at the forefront of the dynamic educational practices. Students must look at Universities that enhance their interpersonal skills, where education is based on discussion and peer learning.

As a future-oriented country, we need leaders who have high IQ and EQ, are socially conscious, sensitive to people, mindful of environmental issues, and have a public service mindset. Underscored by extensive research and experiential learning, a liberal arts degree aims to prepare students for careers cutting across academia and practical fields. Students of liberal arts can choose from a number of majors and minors to specialize in across a plethora of disciplines based on their interests. Most liberal arts institutes provide Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BSc.) degrees across disciplines, offering courses such as Media Studies, International Relations, Philosophy, Physics, English, Mathematics, Biology, Gender Studies, Film Studies, Political Science, Economics, Business and more. Underscored by extensive research and experiential learning, a liberal arts degree not only focuses on academic knowledge and technical skills but also hones qualities like empathy, compassion, tolerance and humility.

Liberal Education creates and encourages experiential learning opportunities, as it provides a platform for students to engage with their communities through live projects, internships, and more. At a glance, Liberal Education inculcates the following:

- ▣ Broad knowledge of multiple disciplines
- ▣ In-depth study of a chosen discipline
- ▣ Differential approach to interdisciplinary learning
- ▣ Transferable skill set
- ▣ Ability to apply knowledge to practical real-world situations
- ▣ Connecting the dots through various mental models
- ▣ Habits of self-reflection
- ▣ Contextual learning
- ▣ Freedom of the mind
- ▣ Lifelong learning

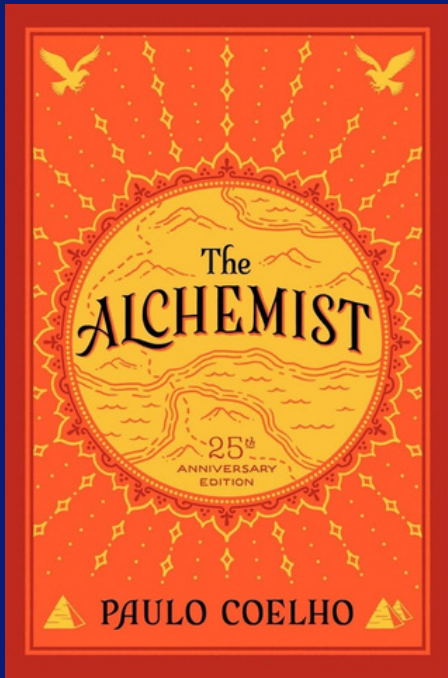
The term ‘liberal arts’ itself is widely misunderstood in India. A large part of the Indian population synonymises liberal arts with humanities and remains unaware of what the degree truly entails and how it is invaluable for the present and next generation of students in the nation. The essence of a liberal arts curriculum was introduced in India through pioneer educational institutes such as the Takshashila and Nalanda University more than 2000 years ago. Even the Gurukul system of education was multidisciplinary and built cross-functional competencies as well as understanding

between the different sects of society. These institutes taught a wide range of subjects under the same roof. A liberal arts institute provides interdisciplinary and multi-dimensional education to students, going beyond the rigidity of professional degrees to empower students with critical thinking, interpersonal, creative and adaptive skills.

Liberal arts education breaks down the traditional disciplinary boundaries. It takes Albert Einstein’s remark very seriously: “Education is not just the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think”. Liberal arts education asks us to learn from multiple disciplines at the same time. This is exactly the need of the hour in India. We need to connect the sciences, the humanities, and the social sciences in our educational systems. That’s the true hallmark of the modern society.

MUST READ

The Alchemist



- **Author** – Paulo Coelho
- **Publisher** – HarperCollins
- **Pages** – 208
- **Genre** – Philosophy, Fiction

"When you want something, all the universe conspires in helping you to achieve it."

"The Alchemist" by Paulo Coelho is an enchanting tale of self-discovery and the pursuit of one's dreams. Through the journey of Santiago, a shepherd boy seeking treasure near the Egyptian pyramids, the story presents the importance of following your heart and embracing your legend.

MUST LISTEN

Jaane Kyu

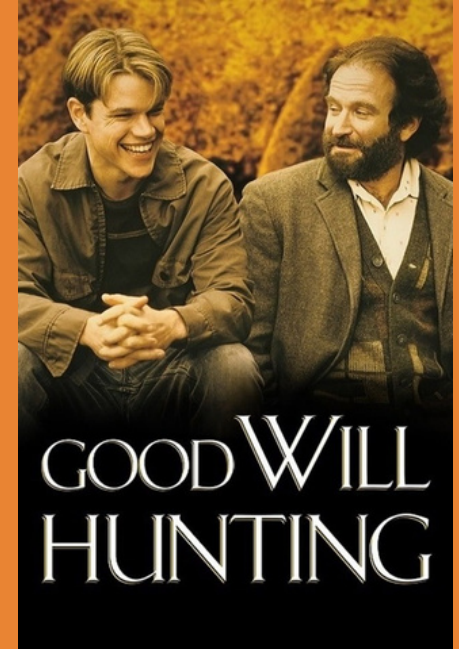


- **Singer:** Vishaal Shekhar
- **Movie:** Dostana
- **Genre:** Heartfelt, Friendship
- **Songwriters:** Anvita Dutt, Vishaal and Shekhar
- **Released in:** 2014

"Jaane kyun dil jantha hai
Tu hai toh, I'll be alright"

MUST WATCH

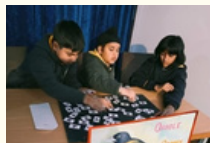
Good Will Hunting



- **Director** - Gus Van Sant
- **Producer**- Jonathan Gordon, Su Armstrong, Lawrence Bender, Bob Weinstein, Harvey Weinstein
- **Writers:** Ben Affleck, Matt Damon
- **Genre** - Heartfelt, Motivational
- **Cast** - Matt Damon, Robin Williams, Ben Affleck
- **Where to watch** - Amazon Prime
- **Released on:** 1997
- **Oscar nominated for:** Directing (Gus Van Sant), Music (Original Song), Music (Original Dramatic Score), Actor in a Leading Role (Matt Damon),

A therapist (Robin Williams) counsels a janitor (Matt Damon) with a genius IQ.

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