



VANWERSE

CELEBRATING 76th REPUBLIC DAY



Republic Day Celebration was a grand and a patriotic event filled with enthusiasm and national pride. The ceremony began with the hoisting of the national flag, followed by cultural performances showcasing the rich heritage of India. Students and dignitaries delivered inspiring speeches, highlighting the significance of the day and the sacrifices made for the country's freedom. The event concluded with refreshments, fostering a deep sense of unity and patriotism among all attendees.

The occasion was graced by Major General Lalji Devendar Singh, a distinguished figure in the Indian Army. Born in 1936 in Kangra, Himachal Pradesh, he played a key role in Snow Technology, Disaster Management, and the establishment of India's Antarctic stations.

THE INK SPOT

FRAGMENTS OF A HIDDEN WORLD

In the quiet hum of cyberspace,
Our every step is traced, no trace of grace
What once was ours, so pure, so free,
Now lies in fragments, for all to see

A tap, a scroll, a swipe, a share,
In this vast web, we're unaware.
Our rights to privacy, long intact,
Now crumble fast beneath the hack.

From social feeds to emails read,
Our data swirls, by strangers fed.
No longer safe in silent zones,
Our secrets, scattered, overtones.

The screens we trust, the apps we use,
Open doors to risks we choose.
But who decides what's right or wrong,
When digital forces grow so strong?

The lines are blurred, the threats are real,
Our private selves they seek to steal.
A password lost, a file undone,
A life exposed to everyone.

Yet still we fight, and still we plead,
For rights of privacy to take the lead.
To safeguard truth, to shield the mind,
In digital realms, what peace we find.

Let firewalls rise, let hackers cease,
Let data rest in quiet peace.
For in this age of boundless skies,
We yearn for the privacy that never dies.

-Vaanika Arora, XI

The Pursuit of Happiness: Simple Pleasures and Profound Peace

Happiness holds different meanings for different people. What makes one happy may not necessarily bring happiness to another. To some, it's the little things in life and to others, it's a bigger achievement. Whatever it is, happiness is something we all seek in different ways.

In fact, in my opinion happiness has nothing to do with material things. To me, those who are healthy and have a clear conscience, experience real happiness. Some people believe that happiness comes from material possessions—like getting a new car or new clothes. While such things may make us happy but it lasts only for a short period of time. They are not something which can give any lasting happiness. In my opinion, true happiness is something more profound, something that lasts beyond the temporary excitement of new things. One thing I understand is that pursuing material things is a waste of time. Worldly things are simply fleeting things. True happiness will only come if what you do brings you joy and goes hand in hand with societal values and something you would not grow tired of doing. But of course, the important thing is that these things must be morally correct and should cause no harm to oneself and others as well. Happiness is complex and personal. It does not always come from material things or great events but from small, meaningful moments in life. Focusing on health, mindfulness, and the present can lead to true and lasting happiness.

-Aayat Kaiser Kawosa, XI

SERVICE OF THE MOTHERLAND

Once upon a time, lived a boy
His life, filled with joy
I never really knew he would sleep forever
For the service of the mother land

When he was young, he understood
What patriotism could do:
Make his family proud and stout
For the service of the mother land

Off he went, with bullets to the field
Where the real action had begun,
but Alas! he was shot down by the enemy gun,
For the service of the mother land

His family and soldiers shed a tear
When they heard about this despair
But dusted off and stood straight
For what their son, had done

For the service of the mother land.

-Vani Bisht IX



OUR FLIGHT

In Vantage Hall, our wings unfold,
A tapestry of tales retold.
We Falcons rise with every dawn,
In corridors where dreams are drawn.
From whispered secrets late at night,
To sunrise bathing halls in light.

Through window panes, we watch the sky,
And wonder how the hours fly by.
With every hug and shared delight,
We find our strength, our voice, our might.
Homesick hearts and teary eyes,
Find comfort where our spirit lies.

When storms of doubt and fear arise,
We Falcons soar through endless skies.
In Vantage Hall, where friendships bloom,
And laughter echoes room to room.
Forever bound by memories made,
In halls where love and dreams cascade.

-Isha Jha, X



The poet is the supreme artist, for he is the master of colour and of form, and the real musician besides, and is lord over language."

-Oscar Wilde

Whirlpool of Nothing

Walking these roads as if no one cares,
Laughing away nightmares,
Yet even the simplest things now jump and glare—
A traumatic jumpscare.

Destroy my desire, blot out my ideals,
Show me something better, and I will follow you.
But am I following myself?
Or chasing shadows I outgrew?
I am nothing but a reflection—
Unchanged redecorations,
My opinions falter, swayed by hollow justifications
I fail to review.

It didn't take me seventeen years on this ground to understand:
As flexible as I am
Is only as many bricks as I can withstand.
There is no race to win
Until I let go from within.
This knot, this void, these cuts—paper thin—
They break me.
Yet they heal me,
As I flood my glass of agony with warmth.

Where everything's meant to be broken,
I'm just trying to know who I am.
Tell me,
Where is your hiding place?
Or do your questions make you bitter?
Are your desires rooted in whispered prayers?
Or are you still unknowingly that child,
Covering your eyes and pretending
Like No one's there?

Am I meant to follow,
Or is this a warning to stray?
I don't know.
Talk to yourself—
Read the book
Watch the series
Solve the mystery
that is your mind.

How lonely must you feel to be this blind?
It's a thin line:
Fair reasoning or outright cowardice?
Too many questions, not enough answers.
Too many insecurities, not any reassurance.
And yet, you conclude,
"There is no point to life."

So I walk these roads again,
Through whirlpools I can't escape,
Laughing into the void,
Only to hear it echo back
And yet it remains.....

— Stuti Kumari, XII

Ending..?

As I walk on these paths,
On chilling winter nights
All by myself
with thoughts that drawn me inside.

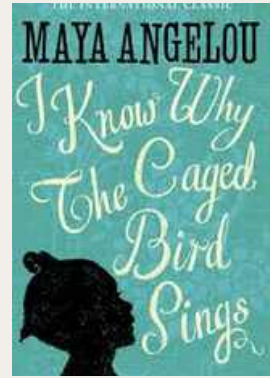
The place with flowery trees
that turn into a rocked piece
Once filled with voice of laughter
turned into a silent zone.

I pass these buildings,
remembering the memories trapped in them
I look at the time
And now its come to an end.

As I bid my farewell
I look at them
smile on their face
and tears that lays.

— Kunishka Satija, XIII

FALCON READS



The caged bird "sings of freedom", writes Maya Angelou in her poem and book. A poignant recurring image throughout her work, as she eloquently explores the struggle to become liberated from the shackles of racism and misogyny.

AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY

Marvel's superpower?

Turning minor characters into main ones.

Remember when Black Widow was just a spy in a leather suit and now she's got her own movie? Marvel's superpower isn't just CGI battles or epic explosions, it's somehow making every character, no matter how minor, important. A random guy like Ant-Man gets a whole franchise. No one asked for Guardians of the Galaxy, and yet we all ended up crying over a talking raccoon. Marvel has somehow convinced us all that every single character deserves a solo movie.

Once Lived a Poet...

Once lived a poet who hadn't become one yet,
Everyday he went to his window watching the sun set;
He thought in his mind, the feelings which were suppressed,
He wanted em' to go, but hadn't figured a way yet.

Once lived a poet who hadn't become one yet,
He watched the wind flow as the sun had set;
The moon came to rescue the sky,
An ignite in the darkness;

The poet thought, why don't I become one as the wind,
Letting my feelings flow?
He chose paper to be his sky,
A pen to be his wind,
And the words to be his light.

Once lived a poet who finally stopped watching the sun set,
He floated in his wind instead watching the sky get red.

— Rida Sharma, VIII





Massive announcement by Nirmala Sitharaman, middle-class gets new income tax structure



Donald Trump warns DeepSeek should be 'wake up call' for America's AI industry

“India’s oil import dependency up at 88.1% in April-December as demand growth pips domestic output”

Crude oil consumption and imports are projected to increase further due to increased demand for petroleum fuels and products.



"DeepSeek Unveils Groundbreaking Innovations, Redefining the Future of Technology"

The tech giant's latest breakthroughs promise to revolutionize industries, from AI to data analytics, setting a new standard for the digital age. With cutting-edge advancements on the horizon, DeepSeek positions itself as the leader in next-gen solutions, paving the way for smarter, more efficient systems worldwide."



CFDA Releases Preliminary Official New York Fashion Week Schedule for February

The New York schedule features more than 54 runway shows and designer presentations, with additional collections being presented digitally and by appointment.



India averts first of Trump’s tariff volleys; China, Mexico & Canada take the initial hit

Trump’s first executive order on February 1 to impose trade tariffs did not mention India, signalling that bilateral trade negotiations may be on the cards later this month when Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to visit the US.

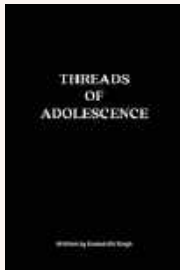


Apple Intelligence coming to India in April, confirms CEO Tim Cook

Apple’s new CFO Kevan Parekh said the company’s “record revenue and strong operating margins drove EPS to a new all-time record with double-digit growth and allowed us to return over \$30 billion to shareholders”. Apple CEO Tim Cook announced that Apple Intelligence will be available in localized English in India

A STORY TO TELL:

JOURNEY TO BECOMING PUBLISHED AUTHORS



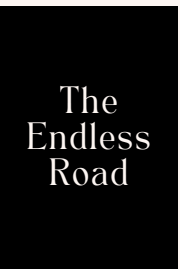
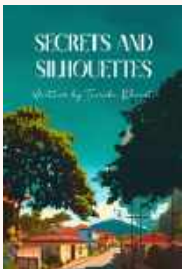
All for a Change by V. Sreshtha Jayachandra, VI

Threads of Adolescence by Kamakshi Singh, XI



Echoes of the Fallen by Avani Singh, XI

Untold story of Venus and Bea – Anvi Garg VII

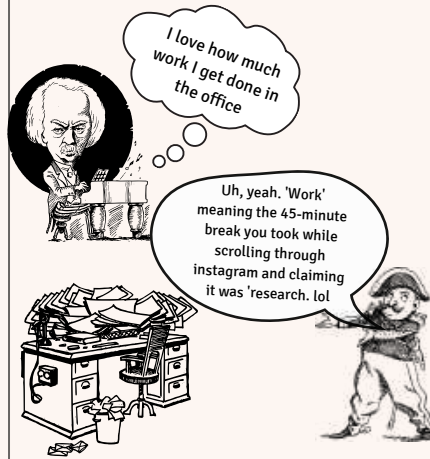


Secrets and silhouettes by Taarika Bhanot, VIII

The Endless Road by Sonakshi Verma, VI



Jewar Airport will be the largest airport in Asia
YEIDA, anchored by the Jewar International Airport, is transforming Uttar Pradesh into a global economic hub, with industrial clusters, world-class infrastructure, and multimodal connectivity, promising robust growth, jobs, and sustainable development



Coldplay: The show goes on, and on, for BJP, Gujarat govt

Party basks in glow of the band's Ahmedabad numbers, from stadium to the Metro and trains, cites it as example of state's infrastructure prowess



ISRO's Latest Mission Hits A Hurdle, Satellite Faces Technical Glitch

At 6:23am on Wednesday, Isro successfully launched their GSLV-F15 carrying the NVS-02 at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh, marking its 100th mission.

Russia, Ukraine trade blame over attack on boarding school in Russia's Kursk region

The Russian Ministry of Defense claimed that it was Ukrainian forces that had launched a missile strike on the school, saying that the missiles were launched from Ukraine's Sumy region.



Marco Rubio warns Panama to cut Chinese influence in Canal or face US action

Rubio told Mulino that Trump considered China's involvement in the canal a threat and that urgent action was needed.



Former German President Horst Köhler dies at 81

Horst Köhler, a one-time head of the International Monetary Fund who became a popular German President before stunning the country by resigning abruptly in a flap over comments about the country's military, has died



Modi Invited to Meet With Trump at White House Next Week

Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India has been invited to meet with President Donald Trump in Washington next week, a White House official said Monday night.



The Final Whistle

ANNUAL SPORTS MEET 2024



“CHAMPIONS KEEP PLAYING UNTIL THEY GET IT RIGHT”

The Annual Sports Meet 2024 started off with the arrival of Chief Guest Ms. Nivedita Kukreti, IPS, a distinguished leader. She hoisted the School sports flag and officially declared the meet open. The Torch Relay, symbolizing unity and determination, was led by Vice Sports Captain Muskan Kumari, a state athlete. Following her were Archisha Dutta, a National Rifle Shooter, Khushi Jain, a National Rifle Shooter, Zeenat Sultana, a Junior National Squash Player, Navya Mehrotra, a National Pistol Shooter, and Khushi Gupta, School Sports Captain and National Squash Player. This inspiring relay showcased the spirit of sportsmanship and dedication.

STAR OF THE SHOW



Addah!



Addah stole the spotlight at the Sports Day with her irresistible charm. Everyone couldn't help but smile as she brought an extra spark to the event, making the day even more memorable.

VANTAGE REALITY

Rumor has it that Falcons have found a new hangout spot to chill (the canopy) during sports time

DID YOU KNOW?



The world's longest tennis match lasted 11 hours and 5 minutes—and it was so intense that it spilled over into three days! It was between John Isner and Nicolas Mahut at the 2010 Wimbledon.

INTERESTING FACT

TWO WORLDS COLLIDE: LV BECOMES AN OFFICIAL PARTNER OF F1



The French House will be immersed in F1 weekends, including prominent trackside signage - a first for Louis Vuitton at a sporting event. They will also have a key role in celebratory moments such as the opening ceremony and on the podium, where their famous Louis Vuitton Trophy Trunks will be presented to celebrate the top three drivers' achievements.

BREAKING NEWS



- At just 16, India's squash prodigy **Anahat Singh** has achieved a monumental milestone, clinching her third British Junior Open title by triumphing in the U-17 women's singles in Birmingham.
- From the icy summit of Mt Vincent in Antarctica to the majestic Everest, **Kaamyra Karthikeyan** has become the youngest girl in the world to scale the highest peaks on all 7 continents.
- **Lionel Messi** officially announced his retirement from professional soccer in January 2025, ending a legendary career. After dominating with Barcelona, PSG, and Inter Miami, Messi leaves an unmatched legacy in the sport. Fans and players worldwide paid tribute to his incredible contributions to soccer.
- The **Kansas City Chiefs** and **San Francisco 49ers** are set to face off in Super Bowl LVIII. Both teams dominated their playoff runs, with standout performances from Patrick Mahomes and Brock Purdy. The highly anticipated matchup promises to deliver an exciting clash for the championship.
- **Novak Djokovic** made history by winning his 25th Grand Slam title at the 2025 Australian Open. He defeated Daniil Medvedev in a thrilling five-set final, solidifying his place as one of tennis' all-time greats. This victory further cements Djokovic's legacy in the sport.
- India won the Test series against Australia with a strong team effort. **Virat Kohli's** leadership and **Ashwin's** key performances played a big part in the victory. A well-deserved win for India!



The Hall of Framed Realities

BEYOND THE FRAME



Siya
Grade X

THE BEAUTY OF ART

Art is an emotional language that speaks to us in ways that words simply cannot. It has the power to reach deep into the heart and stir something profound inside us. It invites us into a world where emotions, raw and unfiltered, are not just seen but felt. In its most pure form, art offers a mirror to our soul—showing us our deepest fears, desires, joys, and sorrows. It holds a beauty that transcends the surface and calls us to look within, to feel, to understand.

One of the greatest artists to have ever harnessed this emotional power was Leonardo da Vinci. His works are more than just visual representations; they are windows into the soul. Da Vinci had an extraordinary ability to capture the essence of humanity—its vulnerabilities, its strength, its quiet moments, and its loudest struggles. Through his art, he didn't just depict people; he made them live and breathe on the canvas.

Take, for instance, *The Last Supper*, a masterpiece that conveys the overwhelming rush of emotions that define humanity. In this iconic scene, da Vinci captures not just a moment in time, but the internal chaos of betrayal, disbelief, and sorrow. Christ's announcement of his betrayal shocks his disciples, and their expressions—each so uniquely and powerfully portrayed—reveal their shock, hurt, and confusion. The painting pulses with raw emotion, every figure caught in a whirlwind of thought and reaction. The way da Vinci uses light, shadow, and perspective creates an almost unbearable tension, drawing you into the grief of that moment as though you are standing there yourself, feeling the weight of what is about to unfold. You feel the confusion in your chest, the grief in your heart, and the inevitability of the pain that comes with loss." Art speaks where words are unable to explain"

-Arushi Agrawal
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Tanvi Yadav
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Aayat Kawosa
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THE TEEN SCOOP

Your Celeb Insight on Teenage Wellness

“Taking care of my mental health is the most important thing... I’ll take a break and listen to my body. I have to listen to what I need, whether it’s rest, time alone, or working through my feelings.”

Ariana Grande

YOU HAVE GOT TO HEAR THIS!!

- If you always compare yourself to others, you will never find out who you are.
- Who you surround yourself with will always be your greatest influence.
- You have more courage than you know. You will never know how brave you are until you take that first step into your fear.
- You will make mistakes, let people down, and fail miserably. Expect lows, mistakes, and setbacks. Embrace them with grace, learn from them, and remember: growth often comes from the hardest falls.
- Be careful how you measure success.



We live in a world of mass media that often defines success by beauty, wealth, and fame. Please don't believe these metrics. Your success is solely based on your happiness, fulfillment, and peace.

Remember, you're unique, and embracing that can build self-confidence. Set realistic goals and believe in your potential. Challenges are opportunities for growth, and with the right strategies and support, you can overcome them. Stay strong and be kind to yourself—you've got this!

- Mrs. Ritu Sharma

Head Admissions & Pastoral Care

SURVIVING AND THRIVING

Being a teenager is an exciting but often overwhelming time, with pressures from academics, social media, peer relationships, and body image challenges. It's common to feel inadequate due to comparisons on social media or stress from schoolwork, or bullying. However, you're not alone, and there are strategies to help you thrive despite these challenges.

To manage social media pressure, limit screen time, follow uplifting accounts, and take regular breaks to engage in offline activities that bring you joy. To ease academic stress, stay organized with planners or apps, break tasks into smaller steps, and ask for help when needed. Building a strong support network of friends and family is vital for emotional well-being. Open communication with those you trust can strengthen relationships and provide encouragement.

When facing bullying or body shaming, it's important to speak up. Talk to trusted adults, such as teachers or school counsellors, for support. They can help address the situation and ensure you receive the care you deserve.

“Ikigai”

A Japanese concept that describes a person's reason for being, or what gives their life purpose, meaning, and value. It's a combination of the words "iki" (life) and "gai" (worth or value).

“Wabi-Sabi - Where Imperfection Meets Grace”

Finding beauty in life's imperfections, celebrating the quiet, weathered things that tell a story. It's a reminder that there's peace in simplicity and in accepting the imperfect nature of all things.

“Kaizen”

The philosophy of continuous improvement, focusing on small, incremental changes for the better over time.

“Mono no Aware”

The awareness of the impermanence of things, and a gentle sadness or wistfulness toward their passing. It's appreciating life as it is, in the moment.

“Shikata ga nai”

A concept of accepting things that can't be changed, a philosophy of resilience and moving forward despite obstacles.

“Gaman”

The act of enduring difficult situations with patience and dignity, often with a silent resolve.

“Shu Ha Ri”

The progression of learning, from following the rules (Shu), to breaking free and adapting (Ha), to transcending and mastering (Ri).

7 Japanese Concepts to Transform Your Life

The Hall of Spice

YOUR MONTHLY

ENTERTAINMENT

BANGERS ONLY!



Die with a smile - Bruno Mars Ft Lady GaGa



APT - Bruno Mars Ft Rose



That's so True - Gracie Abrams



Timeless - The weeknd and Playboi Carti

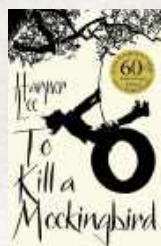
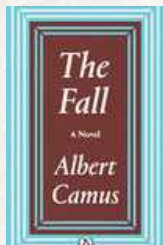


Demons - Doja Cat



Chihiro - Billie Eilish

THE PLOT THICKENS: BOOK CORNER



"GUESS WHO ?"

This actor is a powerhouse of energy and charm. He is a South Korean actor. He is best known for his starring roles in the television series Coffee Prince, Guardian: The Lonely and Great God, the Netflix series Squid Game.

Answer in the next issue...



WEB OF LOVE

Yes, Zendaya and Tom Holland are engaged. The couple, who co-starred in Spider-Man, announced their engagement in January 2025. Zendaya attended the 2025 Golden Globes wearing a large diamond ring on her finger. This led to speculation that Holland had proposed. So here is what our school poll says.... Are we rooting or not??



YES



NO

FASHION CRIMES?



Fast fashion giants **H&M** and **Zara** have used cotton from farms linked to massive **deforestation, land-grabbing, corruption and violence** in Brazil. Based on satellite images, court rulings, shipment records and an undercover investigation, the report, titled "Fashion Crimes," found the companies sourced "tainted cotton" farmed in the fragile Cerrado savanna by two of Brazil's biggest agribusiness firms, SLC Agricola and the Horita Group.

Despite abuses linked to its production, the cotton had been labeled as ethical by leading certification scheme Better Cotton, exposing "deep flaws" in the oversight program, said the British environmental group. Zara and its parent company H&M have been criticized for violations of human rights in Bangladesh and environmental damage, including deforestation and land-grabbing.



MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MONTH



FUN FACT

Bananas Are Berries, But Strawberries Aren't! It might sound bananas, but it's true! Botanically, bananas are classified as berries, while strawberries aren't!!

The Shortest War in History Lasted Only 38 Minutes. The Anglo-Zanzibar War, fought between Britain and Zanzibar on 27th August 1896, lasted just 38 minutes.

"WHAT'S HOT, WHAT'S NOT?"

Japan or Europe ?

EUROPE 51%

JAPAN 49%

AP Dhillon or Diljit ?

AP 75%

DILJIT 15%

Naan or Pizza ?

NAAN 90%

PIZZA 10%

Hrithik or Siddharth ?

HRITHIK 53%

SIDDHARTH 47%

TASTEBUD TRAVELS



1. AMA Café

143, Rajpur Road, Kishanpur, Dehradun,
Uttarakhand, Dehradun 248001 India

RATINGS AND REVIEWS

5.0 STARS ★★★★★
#2 OF 592 RESTAURANTS IN
DEHRADUN



2. Beyul - Mystical Rooftop Lounge

7th Floor, Hyatt Regency Dehradun Resort and
Spa Malsi Forest Edge, Mussoorie Road,
Dehradun, Uttarakhand, Dehradun 248009 India

RATINGS AND REVIEWS

5.0 STARS ★★★★★
#1 OF 15 RESTAURANTS IN DEHRADUN



3. The Gaia Gourmet

18 Canal Road Chironwala Jakhan
Dehradun-248001 Mauza Jakhan,
Dehradun 248001 India

RATINGS AND REVIEWS

4.5 STARS ★★★★★
#65 OF 592 RESTAURANTS IN DEHRADUN



4. Auric Restaurant & Rooftop Café

179/2, Rajpur Road Near Mussoorie Diversion,
Dehradun 248009 India

RATINGS AND REVIEWS

4.5 STARS ★★★★★
#48 OF 592 RESTAURANTS IN
DEHRADUN



5. Pyramid Dehradun

Khasra No 15, Rajpur Road Near Mussoorie
Diversion, Dehradun 248001 India

RATINGS AND REVIEWS

4.0 STARS ★★★★★
#107 OF 592 RESTAURANTS IN
DEHRADUN



<https://www.instagram.com/dineroofficial/>

Dinero is not just a brand; it's a way for people to wear their emotions, express themselves, and feel connected. Launched in 2023 by Aananya Bansal, Dinero was born out of a passion for business and a deep understanding of how fashion can serve as a powerful form of self-expression.

It all started when the founder created custom hoodies for the 2023-2024 farewell batch. What began as a school tradition turned into a brand that's all about turning your feelings into style.

Looking ahead, Aananya plans to make Dinero one of the most recognized luxury hoodie brands. During college, she aims to expand the brand's reach, offering high-quality, stylish hoodies that stand out in the fashion world.



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