

Pot Pourri

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We should not give up and we should not allow the problem to defeat us.

-A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

Excerpts from an interview with Mr. A.K.Das , Principal , The Asian School.



Interviewer : To begin the conversation on a positive note sir ,as a Principal ,what have been the best aspects of being in the Chair?

Mr. Das : The entire experience has been good particularly because one gets an opportunity to see and observe how things are happening. Mostly, things you never knew earlier, you tend to learn. One learns to give and devote time, without compromising on it.

Interviewer : Did your job allow you to pursue interests in your life outside of your career. Was this your first choice of career ?

Mr. Das : Yes it did. It is strange but I never wanted to be in academics or be a teacher. I have always been interested in sports and doing things away from the mundane. I joined teaching in boarding schools to pursue sports.

EDITORIAL

In these revolutionary times, we perpetually see innovations in all aspects of our society, including the field of education. The student today is an insightful individual with deep feelings of dignity, sensitivity, responsibility and compassion. We need to recognise, appreciate and foster this fine sensibility present in students today - and keeping this in mind, this issue of Pot Pourri has been laid out to act as a garden for our Asianites' profound creative urges to blossom naturally.

This issue focuses on Asianites keeping forth their opinions and research on topics like 'India and Pakistan' and 'The Evolution'. The year's Class X and XII CBSE results have set a benchmark for the up and coming batches. Asianites who are to write their examinations in 2017 are only aiming to create history with their hopefully outstanding results, and we wish them all the very best.

The Prefects have lived upto their names, becoming role models for the Junior and Middle Sections by striking a notable equilibrium between their studies and duties. Through this issue, we take the pleasure to tell you more about them so that you get to know them better.

My thanks are due to the Principal, the Vice Principal, the Editorial Board, students and my dear teachers to have been of immense help for breathing life into these pages.

Lavanya Gupta



And then was slowly dragged into the vortex of teaching, by default . Learning had to happen and it did. From a chance entry, it turned into my way of life.

Interviewer : The Asian School has been your baby for almost 10 years now, so what would you say on how to build positive school culture or climate with what heterogeneous mix of students , teachers and parents that form the school ?

Mr. Das : 'School' is rightly an assortment . But to build systems that organise interplay among all assorted elements in school ,in a manner that every being , including brick and mortar that work to its potential, to make it an institution ,accountable to society and the nation at large.

At the Asian School ,a lot of work has been done to put elements together and a 'Beginning to Progress' has already been done but 'Miles to go'

The shortcomings should not be treated as impediments . All assortment must be turned into a pattern of interactive word.

Interviewer : Sir ,what advice would you have for the children and faculty at school ?

Mr. Das : Students must excel either at academics ,sports or co-curricular. Also the faculty and system need to give more attention to boarders. They must understand the play-way methods of learning. We also must find ways and means to give up on

tuitions. Earnest efforts must be made to achieve minimum levels of learning outcomes, to be the core of all teaching exercises,in the classroom and outdoors. I also hope the school holds regular teacher training workshops atleast one in each term, to further learning by doing.

Interviewer : What traits would you say are lacking in today's teaching fraternity?

Mr. Das : Nothing is lacking. Never Before, Nor ever in the Future . However, teachers must learn the art of Time Management . It is to be addressed more often than not. Also every teacher must improve upon her/his book knowledge to become better learners and stay happy in their profession because those who have enjoyed every bit as a teacher stand out as leaders from among the others, in the society.

Interviewer : Sir, If you were starting over, what would you do and how differently ?

Mr. Das : Tough question. But yes, I will strive innovate and upgrade system and functions. Space and time dictate new requirements and previous knowledge should not become an impediment. In any case, there is too much to be done at the Asian School. Work is yet to be accomplished as new areas of growth, emerge.

Interviewer : Thank you very much sir !

NEET QUALIFIERS -2016



Divya Seth



Aditya Chauby



Rishab Agarwal



Aastha Gupta



Anirudh Singh



Tusharika



Parimita Bordoloi



Soumya Singh



Chitrangi Pant



INTER-SCHOOL SKIT COMPETITION 2016

Expressing their own personality, through the characters.

The Asian School proudly organized the first Interschool Skit Competition on 21st April 2016 at the White House Court. Welham Boys School, Jaswant Modern School and The Asian School participated in the competition and performed wonderfully. The function commenced with Lightning of Lamp by Chief Guest Ms. Era Chauhan. The plays were full of wit and humor. The

event was adjudged by Mr. Farooqi (HOD Drama, The Doon School) Mrs. Indira Mahajan (Retd. English Teacher Welham Boys) and Mrs. Juhi Mehta (from Trinity College) The rolling trophy was bagged by The Asian School, but being the host the school handed over the trophy to the Welham Boys who were the I runners up. The Doon Girls School stood II.



MASTER CHEF

Learning the Art of Cooking our little Master Chefs



First Position in class V was won by Akshit Chaudhary. There was a tie for the first position in class IV, the winners were Nikhil Yadav, Ananya Breja & Manyukta Tyagi.



I CAN

The Asian School hosted its first I Can. Conference on its campus on October 1 – October 2, 2016. An I Can. Conference, as it is commonly called, is a large-scale simulation of the corporate, political and media machinery of the country. Over 270 delegates have come together to experience a microcosm of the real world, where they reprise the ever-growing roles of journalists, politicians, advertisers, marketers, bureaucrats, corporate titans, bankers, writers, photographers, and media tycoons, among others. Over the two days of the Conference, the delegates worked with each other on dozens of tasks and challenges that allow

them to simulate the interactions that take place between corporate houses, media houses and the government in the real world.

The Conference, held on 1 – 2 October, saw over 270 students participate in a two-day simulation of the corporate, media and political worlds. The Director of school, Gaganjot Juneja, commended the I Can. Team on the execution of the Conference. Shreem Poddar of Asian School was the best Corporate House CEO, Bidiya Laxmi Adhikar, the best Media House CEO, and Shreyansh Bajpai, the best Political Party Leader at the First I Can. Conference.



IIMUN

A total of 69 students of The Asian School, participated in the Indian International Model United Nations (IIMUN) 2016, held at EcoleGlobale International Girls' School from 5-7 August. ShivangUniyal (XII E) and AdityaChauhan (XII E) won the "Best Delegate Award", Abhishek Nigam received the high commendation award in their respective committees. The Asian School won the Best School Award and has been invited to participate in the IIMUN 2016 Championship Conference to be held in Mumbai.





MUSSOORIE TREK

Trekking means a travelling experience with a thrilling excitement and Asianites experienced that thrill and fun on their trek to The Queen of Hills on 30th September, 2016. The trek started from Sai Baba Mandir and ended at Jhari Pani. On their way, students enjoyed the scenery, sang songs, and did their bit for environment by cleaning any litter they saw on the roads. Accompanying the Asianites were Mr. Madanjeet

Singh (Vice-President), Mr. Anant Thapliyal (Vice-Principal) & Mr. Mukesh Nangia (Middle School Head) among other teachers. All the trekkers, on reaching Mussoorie took a walk along the Mall Road, ate, shopped and cherished each second. At night, the hostel was filled with voices sharing the experience the students had on the trek with those who look forward to joining it next year.



4th INTERNATIONAL INTER SCHOOL LLEWELYN DEBATE & QUIZ COMPETITION

The Asian School, was the proud winner of the running trophy at 4th International Inter-School Llewelyn Debate & Quiz Competition . We beat 13 teams and won the quiz competition with 145 points. The team comprised of Sahil Bhatt & Shubhagya Sharma. Sahil was also the winner of Keen Quizzer award.





SPORTS

The Asian School Cup Runneth Over

These students of our school played in Vijay Merchant Trophy Under-16 (Board Trophy) from U.P. & J & K.



AARYA SETHI



ARYAN SHARMA



IDHREES BEGH



★
 Badminton PPSA Interschool
 (Under - 17 Girls)

★
 Badminton PPSA Interschool
 Tournament (Under - 19 Girls)

★
 Basketball Afzal Khan Tournament

★
 SSPF Cricket Tournament

★
 Basketball District
 Tournament (Under -16)

★
 Basketball Tournament
 (Under 19)

★
Basketball District
Tournament (Under -14)

★
Football Summer Valley 7A side Tournament

★
Football (Boys) PPSA Inter-School Tournament

★
Swimming Invitation Wynberg
Allen Competition

★
Swimming PPSA Competition



ROUNDUP

The Asian School is the proud winner of all the trophies in field of sports for the year 2016 - YOU NAME IT & WE HAVE IT.



School Swimming Team (Boys)



School Athletics Team



School Basketball Team (Junior)



School Badminton Team (Boys)



School Badminton Team (Girls)



School Cricket Team (Senior)



School Football Team (Girls)



School Swimming Team (Girls)



School Cricket Team (Junior)



School Skating Team



School Basketball Team (Senior)



School Football Team (Senior)



Head Boy
Name: Nepolean Chetia (Mr Skin Burn)
Sun Sign: Sagittarius

What you want to be: Donald Trump's best friend
According to my friends I am: Humorously alien, zany, many-a-times rudderless
Favourite place in the campus: Woods



Vice-Head Boy
Name: Shivang Uniyal (Mr. Have-it-All)
Sun Sign: Virgo

What you want to be: A good human being and of course a multi-millionaire
According to my friends I am: Awesome, a bit too airy at times, and a piece worth dollars
Favourite place in the campus: The road leading to the mess.



Head Girl
Name: Nicole Sangma (Asian ki Hrithik Roshan)
Sun Sign: Scorpio

What you want to be: A person who is able to make even Kayne West laugh.
According to my friends I am: Crazy, Cute and Devil (2 in 1) and Spartan
Favourite place in the campus: 2nd floor corridor



Vice-Head Girl
Name: Suditi Thapliyal (Chulbuli Pandey)
Sun Sign: Sagittarius

What you want to be: Dr. Suditi Thapliyal
According to my friends I am: Illustrious, one who can be trusted with secrets
Favourite place in the campus: Music room



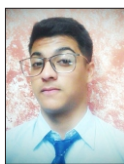
Arjun House Captain
Name: Sarim Ali Khan (Bomb in disguise)
Sun Sign: Sagittarius

What you want to be: The one who is responsible for making everyone laugh to death
According to my friends I am: An atom, adroit and helpful
Favourite place on campus: Every inch of the campus!



Arjun House Captain
Name: Yumlum Keya (Doraemon)
Sun Sign: Cancer

What you want to be: Anima Artist
According to my friends I am: A godsend, merry and jovial always
Favourite place on campus: Girl's hostel



Arjun House Prefect
Name: Vinayak Arora (Mr Worldly Wise)
Sun Sign: Gemini

What you want to be: World's most successful entrepreneur
According to my friends I am: Insanely crazy, adventurous and BB lover.
Favourite place on campus: White House Court



Arjun House Prefect
Name: Shreya Yadav (The Master Baker)
Sun Sign: Scorpio

What I want to become: "The" Shreya Yadav
According to my friends I am: Adorable, responsible and the best company to be with
Favourite place on campus: Football Field



Ashoka House Boy's Captain
Name: Amado C. R. Maraka (Walking Globe)
Sun Sign: Capricorn

What I want to become: A round-the-world traveller
According to my friends I am: Terrific, amusing and a box full of secrets!
Favourite place on campus: Class 12-F



Ashoka House Captain
Name: Bidhya Laxmi Adhikari (Angel on Earth)
Sun Sign: Aquarius

What I want to become: An IFS officer
According to my friends I am: Soft-spoken, helpful and elegant
Favourite place on campus: Library



Ashoka House Prefect
Name: Pranshul Dobriyal (Canon Ball)
Sun Sign: Cancer

What I want to become: Fittest person on Earth
According to my friends I am: The chubbiest person, frank, food-crazy.
Favourite place on campus: Tabla room and Computer lab



Ashoka House Prefect
Name: Esha Nautiyal (Crime Master Gogo)
Sun Sign: Taurus

What I want to become: The most successful doctor
According to my friends I am: Dynamic, Ms Hitler and fearless
Favourite place on campus: Dance room



Ranjit House Captain
Name: Raghav Maheshwari (Digital Gandhi)
Sun Sign: Pisces

What I want to become: A business tycoon
According to my friends I am: The coolest friend, very helpful and always a source of inspiration
Favourite place on campus: Basketball Court



Ranjit House Captain
Name: Muskan Agarwal (Ms Chubby Counsellor)
Sun Sign: Sagittarius

What I want to become: A business woman
According to my friends I am: A solution to all their problems and very talkative
Favourite place on campus: Computer lab



Ranjit House Prefect
Name: Aditya Chauhan (Touch-Me-Never)
Sun Sign: Libra

What I want to become: Ridiculously wealthy
According to my friends I am: In a dire need to eat more, frank, too funny for words
Favourite place on campus: Staircase next to Mukesh sir's office



Ranjit House Prefect
Name: Anshika Mamgain (Drama Queen)
Sun Sign: Virgo

What I want to become: Lata Mangeshkar II
According to my friends I am: Confident, trustworthy and crazy at times
Favourite place on campus: Music room



Shivaji House Captain
Name: Akhiljit Singh Chugh (Punjabi Seekh Kebab)
Sun Sign: Cancer

What I want to become: A wannabe assassin
According to my friends I am: A big foodie and intelligence redefined!
Favourite place on campus: Senior Boys' Hostel



Shivaji House Captain: Rashi Jain
Name: Rashi Jain (Angry Young Lady)
Sun Sign: Sagittarius

What I want to become: A basketballer
According to my friends I am: Boyish on the outside but very much a girl, truthful and sporty
Favourite place on campus: Undoubtedly the Basketball Court



Shivaji House Prefect
Name: Sahastra Kansal (UstadJi)
Sun Sign: Pisces

What I want to become: A politician
According to my friends I am: A hypocrite, always smiling and cordial
Favourite place on campus: Music room



Shivaji House Prefect
Name: Kanika Joshi (Dancing Beats)
Sun Sign: Cancer

What I want to become: Dr. Joshi
According to my friends I am: Practical, the most saintly prefect and a tomboy
Favourite place on campus: Dance Room

INTER-HOUSE DANCE & MUSIC COMPETITION

Dehradun, August 27, 2016: The stage came alive as the students of four houses of The Asian School staged spectacular dances and folk songs in the Inter House Music and Dance Competition.

The overall result trophy for the Song and Dance competition was bagged by Ashoka House. Shivaji House was the First Runners- Up followed by Second Runners - Up Arjun House.

At the end of the colorful and spectacular programme the Vice Head Girl, Suditi Thapliyal proposed the vote of thanks. The evening was jointly compared by Milli Thawani and Manav Guniyal.





Birthday Celebration in the Dorm

The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate.



Rahul Srivastava



Manvendra Adhikari



Raghav Sharma



Devansh Rajgarhia



Samarth Naudiyal

Ex-Asianites take us down the memory lane *Nostalgia.....*

The nine years I have spent as an Asianite are an integral and special part of my life. It seems like it was only yesterday that I was cribbing about the pile of homework I had, and it feels surreal when I realize that it has been nearly a year since I attended classes at The Asian School for the last time. Looking back at my time as a school kid, there are so many memories--both good and bad-- that it is difficult to pick one. I vividly remember playing a bird in Ashoka house's production 'Snow White' when I was five, practicing for various debates, and sneakily eating food during classes!

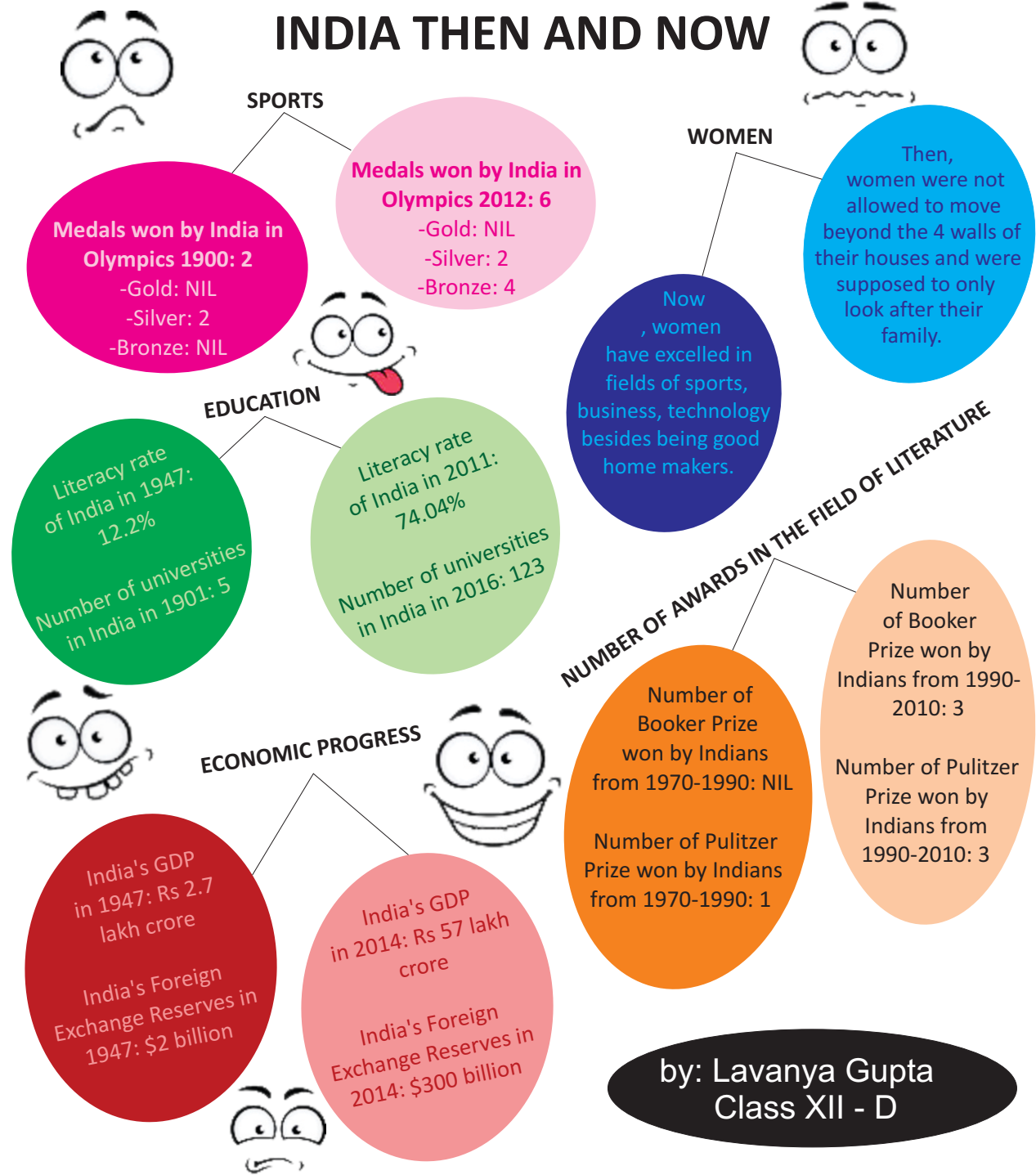
I realized, very suddenly, last week that the Founders' Day celebration must be happening soon, and the fact that it won't be something I am part of this year was a jarring reminder that life at school, for me, has ended. But then again, The Asian School is my alma mater, and it will always be a part of me - **Kopal Sinha.**

Although I began my journey in this school relatively later than several of my peers, it didn't take me more than a few initial weeks of my tenth standard to blend in with the school's vibrant and international community. The Asian School has been one of the most exciting and welcoming institutions I have ever been a part of, and this is coming from someone who has switched nine schools.

I have had the chance to be guided by some of the most insightful and empathic teachers of my life here. The invaluable experiences I have had in the three years I've spent in this school are deeply registered in the grooves of my memory; so much that they would accompany me right through amnesia. Traversing the borders of language, a single word, that congruently brings together my rather disparate experiences in my school, comes from Swedish. Lagom: just the right amount of everything! - **Aditi Upreti**



INDIA THEN AND NOW



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