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## A Three Pronged Conundrum

Chaitanya Kediya

Every school has its own method; its houses, its traditions and its own way of running. Essentially, every school has a different formula and over the years we begin to associate with it. Whether it is the early morning Chota Hazri, our love for reducing everything to three letter initials or our numerous punishments, the Doon School is unique. It has its own charm and beauty, and that is precisely why, like conservatives, we are never ready to change. I recall when an extra class was added to our daily schedule, the change was heavily criticized by the students. However, today it seems correct and beneficial that the change was made. What I am trying to draw from this is that sometimes we are extremely myopic in our outlook. We are wary of change, and so, in all likelihood, the introduction of the trimester system might evoke predictable responses.

While this might disappoint a few, I do not completely agree with this change, if indeed it is implemented. Obviously the first pinch is the loss of holidays. The travelling between home and School will definitely increase, and so will the cost. However, for once let's try thinking it through from the side of the authorities. The introduction of the trimester system is not to torture or trouble us. It is to make our studies simpler and orderly. Instead of a race against time while finishing the course, we will have an extra month to work. Also, let us keep in mind that the trimester is practiced in most schools in India, and every Dosco has probably experienced it at some point or another. With the introduction of the International Baccalaureate, and the plan to switch to IGCSE, it will not be easy to finish the syllabi in two terms.

It is important to realize that two terms of four months each often put too much pressure on everybody, and in the two months that follow we usually lose all our practice and focus. When we implement a trimester system, it will give us periodic breaks, and at the same time would not adversely affect our studies. Then again, a drawback of this change would

be the loss of those two extra months that we get before our Board Examinations. Being fortunate enough to have them, let me assure you of the fact that they give you an advantage over others giving the Board Examinations. Also, such a switch will be difficult and confusing to cope with initially, and we will continue to groan about it. But life teaches us this: Either shape up or ship out.

However the biggest advantage of the trimester system for us, would be that we would get more time to play sports, our seasons would become more concrete and we would have more time to practice and play our tournaments. This will also ensure that we fare better than before at inter-school, Council and IPSC tournaments. Similarly, we will get more time for extra curricular activities like music, art and debating. While we keep thinking that our study load will increase, in reality, on a daily basis our work will decrease. Let me assure you that one year after the trimester system is implemented we will completely forget that we had a semester. In fact, this change is nothing except one of the numerous steps our School is taking to catch up with modern times. Our archaic practices, no matter how loved will have to be dispensed with, lest they should become shackles, preventing our growth and progress.

In conclusion, I would only like to reiterate what I mentioned before. Let us not be afraid to change because it is standing water that eutrophicates. Instead, we should strive to adapt and grow with passing time, to ensure that we are always growing and thus prospering. Change is the only constant, and to resist it is futile. Before judging the trimester system, let us be patient enough to try it at least once. You never know you might actually end up preferring it, and then wonder why you were ever against it in the first place.

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## Regulars

### Marillier Maestros

The **School Cricket Team** played a match against **The Kasiga School** on **February 9, 2015**. Akhil Ranjan scored **47 runs**. Arnav Vaish took **four wickets**. The School **won** the match by **seven wickets**.

The **School Junior Cricket Team** played a match against **The Kasiga School** on **February 15, 2015**. Viksit Verma, Aditya Gupta and Anish Bhide took **two wickets** each. Aditya Vikram Singh scored **thirty runs**, remaining **not out**. The Doon School **won** the match by **five wickets** with **six overs** remaining.

Congratulations!

### Iron Triumph

The School was represented by Ekamveer Guron and Shaurya Verma at the **Madhav Rao Scindia Annual Golf Tournament** held at the **DLF Golf and Country Club, Gurgaon** on **February 14, 2015**. Both golfers received numerous on-course prizes during the tournament. In a closely contested game against **The Scindia School, Gwalior**, the School won the tournament, emerging victorious for the **third consecutive time**.

Congratulations!

Varun Seghal has been appointed as the **Boy-in-Charge of Golf** for the year 2015.

We wish him a fruitful tenure!

### Chef's Special!

Kushagra Kar has been appointed as the **Boy-in-Charge of the Cooking STA** for the year 2015.

We wish him a fruitful tenure!

## WEEKLY SELECTS

*Brother from Another Mother*

**New Yorker**

*When Children with Autism Grow Up*

**Buzzfeed**

*On Sylvia Path*

**New York Review of Books**

*The Company Men*

**Chicago**

*Terrorism or Freedom Fighter?*

**New Yorker**

### AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 WORDS

Prime Minister Modi met with the newly-elected Sri Lankan President, Maithripala Sirisena to sign a nuclear cooperation deal. The city of Boston has experienced the heaviest snowfall ever recorded in its history. A Taliban attack in Peshawar occurred this week at a Shiite mosque, killing nineteen people. Major floods in northern Argentina have reportedly claimed six lives. Omar El-Hussein, the suspect wanted for killing two people at a synagogue in Copenhagen was arrested after publicly pledging support to the ISIS.

### UNQUOTABLE QUOTES

*I have very much less time.*

**Kanishkh Kanodia**, spend it on grammar.

*Remember what I said you.*

**Hamza Hussain**, knows what to say.

*Do a break-in-change.*

**MLJ**, with pleasure.

*Draw the window.*

**Ahaan Gupta**, what about the curtains?

*Why we are made to do cricket?*

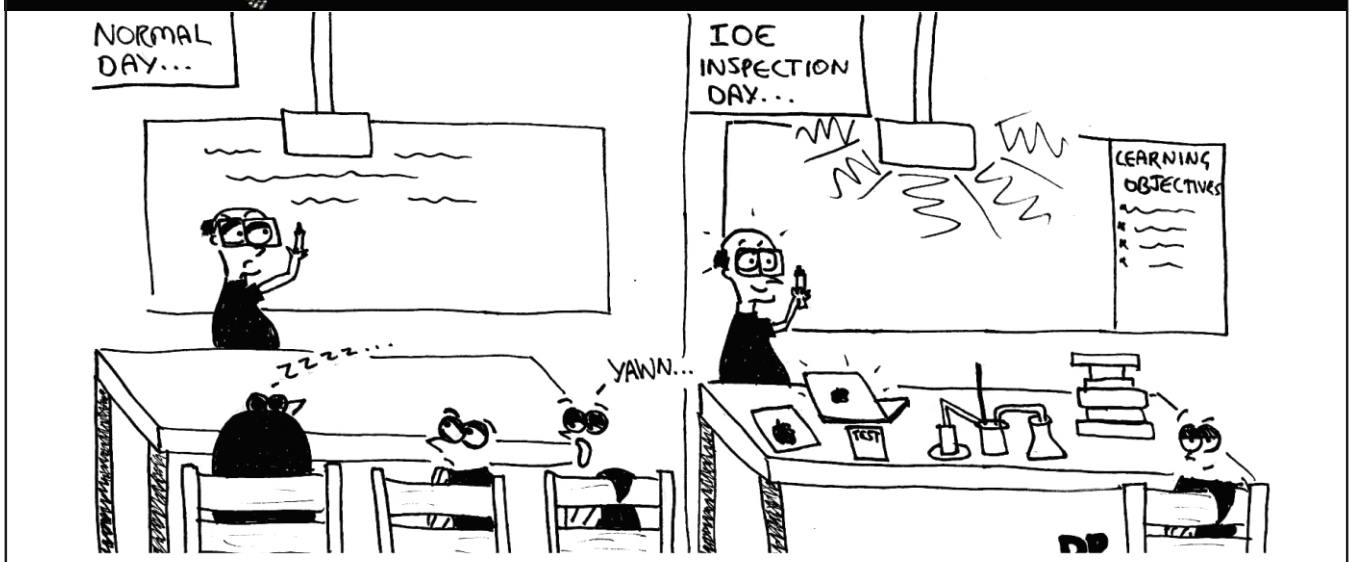
**Karanvir Singh Mann**, irritated.

*Shut the fan.*

**Kushagra Kar**, shuts his brain.

### Dosco Doodle

### Judgement Day Dhruv Pais



# The Aam Aadmi

The Doon School Weekly interviewed Anoop Nautiyal, an AAP member who recently addressed the School.

**The Doon School Weekly (DSW):** What prompted you to enter politics after a very established career in the corporate sector?

**Anoop Nautiyal (APN):** As I mentioned, when I was working with the government of Uttarakhand, I realized the power of politics in a positive way and what it could do. That really influenced me because I noticed and observed first-hand that this is a very powerful medium to do good for the community, for your area, for your state and for your nation.

**DSW:** Your 70-point manifest has been touted as being a bit too audacious. Considering your party's short experience in politics, how do you plan to implement these reforms in a successful way that will impact the lives of the Delhi voters?

**APN:** My first sense is that the party has done a lot of work in the last couple of months through various platforms like the Delhi Dialogues, going out to the people, collecting feedback, assimilating and cross-checking that feedback and really looking at the whole economics of it. So I'm very certain that since the party has come out with this manifesto, the ground work will be done, and it will be accomplished.

**DSW:** Despite having a popular agenda such as anti-corruption, your party suffered a heavy defeat in the 2014 General Elections. What, in your view, are the reasons behind the below-par performance?

**APN:** I think the AAP was not ready for the 2014 *Lok Sabha* elections, which was also acknowledged by the leadership. I think we advanced too quickly and it was a mistake to contest for so many seats. I think the party has learnt from that. Since the May elections, there have been elections in Haryana and Maharashtra. These are two states where the AAP has a fairly strong base after Delhi, but the leadership took a very judicious call and decided that we will not fight the elections and will channel all our energy towards the Delhi elections. That is one of the reasons why the party has done so well in Delhi.

**DSW:** In your talk, you spoke about five virtues required for the successful execution of power. Do you believe that these virtues exist in modern society, and if not, what can we do to inculcate them?

**APN:** There is this debate about character and personality and I think there is a lot of literature on that, and a lot of focus in today's day and age is on developing personality. On the other hand, the virtues I spoke of are focused more on the core of our character, and this is not something that comes and goes with fashion. Based on my own experiences which I shared with the students, these are virtues I swear by. We also discussed about a lot of different cultures and countries, and this has a global appeal. So, I think that in the

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long term, the impact of these virtues on individual and communities is going to be immense.

**DSW:** What do you feel is the prime reason for bureaucratic and political inaction?

**APN:** I think that the biggest hurdle in front of us is corruption, and when I talk about corruption I always refer to it as being of two types because I've seen it first-hand. One is the financial corruption that we all hear and know about. However, there is another dimension that is at play and is not spoken of, that is corruption of work. What I mean by this is that our political representatives and bureaucrats are not doing what they're supposed to be doing in the first place. When you have financial corruption, and you're not working diligently, these two types of corruption come together and the result is pathetic.

**DSW:** What advice do you have for our students who aspire to enter a political or government related career in the future?

**APN:** My advice would be to follow your heart. The nation needs a lot of bright and young people like you to enter the political and social space. As I said, my advice would simply be to follow your heart and set goals for yourselves and really try and achieve, fulfill those goals and be consistent. I think consistency is very vital. Don't think one thing is small and another too big. Don't go for the big win, but do try and be consistent in whatever you do. Also look at the 'low hanging fruits' and what you can do quickly. Be active on social media, raise your voice, and build on your successes. Raise your voice against injustice and take up something that is close to your heart. Do some work in that area and I wish you the best of luck in your aspirations.



# The Week Gone By

CC Chengappa

While ATs and SC (Extensions) continue to recover from their Preliminary Trials, the 10th grade Board Examinations are inching closer, with exactly six days left for them to commence. Last minute sagas have been countered and fended off with de-stressing workshops and trunk loads of food along with a bit of studying here and there, and one can see anxiety mounting as each precious day passes. But as they say "the quicker it comes, the quicker it goes".

The Inter-House Senior Cricket Competition began on Wednesday, with several intense matches taking place. As always, the seniors did not have much time to practice but nevertheless, a good show is always on the cards. The School Cricket team on the other hand continues to work hard and began the season with an emphatic win over Kasiga School. Meanwhile, the Senior Hockey team practice sessions continue to take place with rigor and dedication.

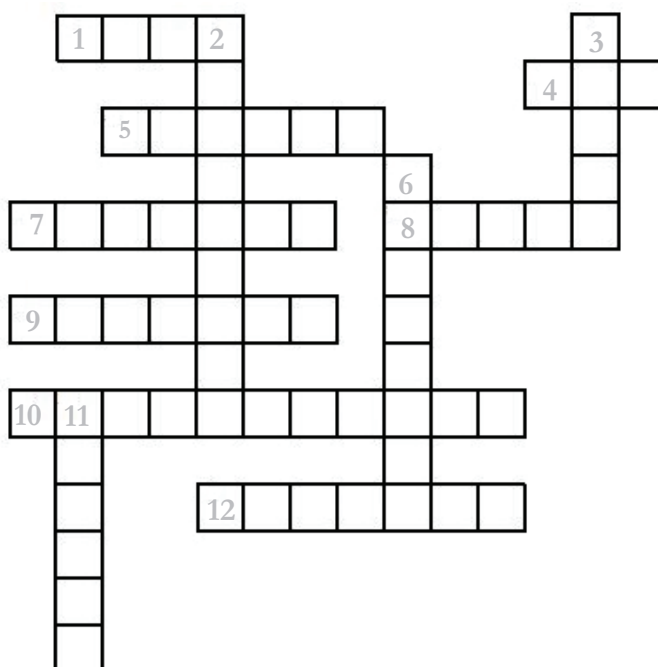
At the other end of Chandbagh, music practices are in full swing, with preparations for the Prize Giving Ceremony taking place. The much awaited appointments for this year's DSMUN took place earlier this week, delighting a few and disappointing many. This reinforced DSMUN Executive Board certainly looks set to take this year's Conference a notch higher, and with the introduction of a much debated and much awaited committee, the 'Special Convention on Peace and Religious Harmony', DSMUN 2015 truly promises something else!

Another spectacle that has occurred this week is the ongoing IOEs. Students have noticed a large number of minor changes in the classrooms, which reminds the Sc Formers of their recently concluded S-form second term!

With news of air conditioners being turned on in other cities, the weather in Dehradun continues to be pleasant with rain and cloudy skies predicted later this week. The mufflers and gloves continue to be worn, but the supposed cold and fever cases flood the Wellness Centre in hope of some respite from... 'you know what'.

Finally, with the Board Examinations coming closer and the Inter-House Cricket Competition going on, it only remains for me to wish ATs and SC leavers the very best of luck. May the odds be ever in your favour!

# The Cricketer's Corner



## Across

1. Another name for the eleventh batsman.
4. Cricketer to have hit most sixes in ODI career
6. Great Britain beat this country to win an Olympic Gold in 1900.
8. The only country making its debut in the 2015 World Cup.
9. Bowling style which became illegal under ICC Law 24.1
11. Test series between Australia and England
12. Australian bowler who holds four World Cup records.

## Down

2. Defending champions of the Ranji Trophy.
3. Kapil Dev lifted the World Cup at this stadium.
5. World Cup runners-up thrice, but have never won.
6. Sachin Tendulkar played for this country before he did for India.
10. Umpire to have officiated in both cricket and football World Cups.

*Note: The phrase 'World Cup' refers to the ICC Tournament in the 50-over format.*

## Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

### Across

3. winnow
5. ruminant
6. cabotage
7. comminate
8. surreptitious
11. copious
12. glut

### Down

1. acidulous
2. loquacious
4. indemnity
9. impasse
10. mizzle

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