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A Dragon, Eagle and Boiling Water

Devang Laddha *explains the current conflict in the South China Sea.*

For a long time now the South China Sea has been one of the most disputed regions in the world, with as many as six countries laying claim over it. Thought to house vast resources of natural gas and oil as well as being responsible for carrying out trade worth almost 5.3 trillion dollars, the region has definitely become one worth fighting over. However, the recent militarization of the region by China, ignoring diplomatic talks and breaking international rules has been something that has not only put the region under great scrutiny but has also called for action from countries, especially the United States of America.

Over the past year, China, which claims a major chunk of the Sea as its own has asserted its power in the region and increased tensions between all neighbouring nations. It has done this by increasing the number of patrol ships sent into the region and by reclaiming land, something which is considered a blatant violation of the established United Nations Convention of the Law of Sea (UNCLOS). Along with the reclamation of land, China has also militarized the region by constructing airstrips and placing surface to air missiles in the region - thus putting it in under the scanner.

This militarization is being seen as an infringement upon the sovereignty of the south-eastern nations. Obviously, the response of these nations has been one of outrage, especially since China's actions directly threaten their international trade. Moreover, with patrol ships escorting Chinese fishing fleets, the smaller nations have not been able to exploit the sea for its various resources, especially fish and natural gas. As a result, it is being increasingly felt that what China is doing amounts to bullying and stealing. China has also repeatedly refused to indulge in multilateral talks, choosing instead to hold bilateral talks with countries that bring very little to the discussion table with regards to their size and strength. This is where the United States steps in. Being one of the most powerful countries in the world, America has the added responsibility of enforcing UN conventions. It is for this reason that the United States has decided to make its presence felt in the South China Sea, not only to give support to the beleaguered smaller nations, who are allied to it, but also to keep China from outrightly taking over the region and increasing its economic and military strength.

However, even with the US intervening, the issue at hand should be seen for what it is - an issue threatening the entire world order. China, being a country with great power has refused to listen to its neighbours. It has refused to cooperate in any way and has also refused to listen to the International Court of Arbitration in The Hague, the court where the Philippines has lodged its complaint. Thus, China, as of now stands as a country that refuses to listen to the mechanisms of world order and lives off the strength of its supremacy, even while the US tries to keep it at bay. China cannot be left to establish its supremacy for two reasons: the precedent that it sets and the consequences of leaving this unchecked. Letting the Chinese do as they please will lead to further expansion and, as seen in the past, will lead to oppression. Thus, the US and other countries have to start a dialogue with China and have to deal with the situation to find a solution. Local countries also need to be active rather than be intimidated by China. They have to take a stand against such bullying. China cannot be allowed to dominate its smaller neighbours because the world cannot afford to have another war based on the expansionist ideas of a particular country.



Regulars

IAYP

The following students have been awarded the **Duke of Edinburgh's International Award** in their respective categories:

Bronze:

Gunit Mittal
Rishit Thakur
Prabhav Maheshwari
Raghav Bagri
Eshaan Patel
Adithya Kapoor
Shaurya Jain
Amal Bansode
Vathsal Kumar Gupta

Silver:

Kartik Mohan
Ashish Pandey
Arpit Chaddha

Gold:

Rudra Srivastava

Congratulations!

Off The Bat

The **School Senior Cricket Team** played a match against the **Abhimanyu Cricket Academy** on **Sunday, March 6, 2016**.

The team batted first and made **101 runs** in **35 overs**. The **Abhimanyu Cricket Academy** made **100 runs** for **9 wickets** in **35 overs**. The **School Team** won by **one run**.

Well Done!

THE WHO?

Who is George Martin?

Divij Mullick: A politician

Moulik Seth: A bowler

Arjun Singh Bajwa: An actor

Aarsh Ashdhir: A reformist

Aradhaya Singhal: An author

George Martin is the a famous English music producer, popularly known as the 'fifth Beatle' who recently passed away.

Around the World in 80 Words

A Rs 5 crore fine was slapped by the National Green Tribunal on Sri Sri Ravishankar's International Culture Festival which the spiritual guru has refused to pay. Bernie Sanders left Hillary Clinton dazzled by emerging victorious in Michigan while Donald Trump continued his winning spree. Iran's Revolutionary Guard test launched two ballistic missiles, emblazoned with the phrase 'Israel must be wiped out'. The BJP government, after much dissent, eventually withdrew the proposal of a tax on the Employees' Provident Fund.

"You want something. Go get it. Period."

-Will Smith

Games Blazer

Tushaar Sharma has been awarded the **Games Blazer** for his consistent performance and excellence in that area.

Kudos!

UNQUOTABLE QUOTES

Man your box-out.

JTR, will do so, Sir.

It is more better than that.

Devang Laddha, your grammar?

No one bees late.

Vijayaditya Singh Rathore, busy bee.

No ask I anything.

SDA, we're glad.

Start take caring your voice!

Vihaan Bhatnagar, care for your words.

Don't put your head downs in my class.

PTV, like you did during English?

I am typing at godspeed!

Atrey Bhargava, Senior Editor of the *Weekly*.

I am toping!

Ansh Raj, surely not in English.

Don't making me shout!

VVK, its past that already.

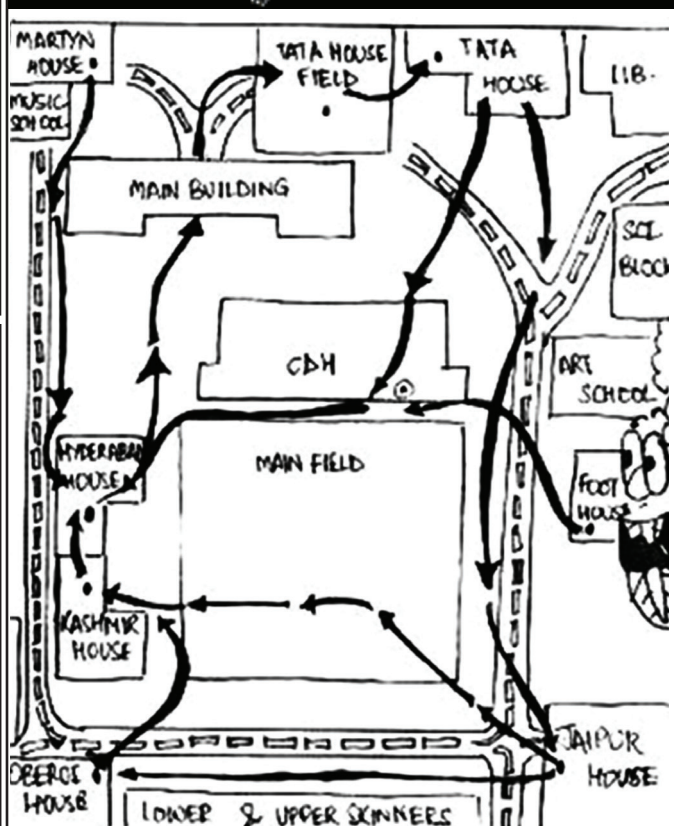
Do not talk between amongst yourself.

ARD, choose one.

Dosco Doodle

Campus Rounds

Anirudh Popli



Scribbles

Live. Love. Laugh
There isn't any better
place than Doon!

(SHARAT NAMBAR)
135-H

"And those who were seen dancing
were thought to be crazy by the ones
who couldn't hear the music"

Ashley (ABHAYRAJ JAIN)
220-H

'A fraternity that is going
to last an eternity'

- Kritika Shukla
Ex. 133-0

Doon flew by,
but sure left its
impression for life.

(Shlok Jain)
Ex 148-H

It was an ecstasy
in swift motion,
Gyan (204K)

Take me back to
the beginning :-

- She
(Cheena)

"Oh no this ain't paradise,
but possibly the
closest to it!!"

Aryaman Panwar
(177-T)

अहो नमो तिमि एत...

(RITVIK KHARE)
141-J

School was a great
launching pad for life
Dart
219-H

- Aman Bhanuani
144 K

It's like a walk on a
tightrope. But stay assured,
There's always a safety net
below you.

Saraf
(182-T)



you can check out anytime you like,
but you can never leave!!
Nadir Singh (158-T)

Thank you for the amazing six
years.

- Yogesh Agarwal
Ex - 203-0

- TYAGI

The beanie, Harvard
hoodie wearing two
chord guitarist,
Singing off,
- Danish Bhakia
142-H

You've got
one shot.
MAKE IT LARGE
Aditya Nandanwar (179-K)

And I did contribute a verse.

- Arunabh
Uttarah
Ex 129-0

The Place which becomes home,
the friends that To define is to limit
become family,
the incidents that become
the best - THANKS DOON

Sabir
(SABIR SINGH)
213-K

Work Hard
Party Harder!
- Agastya

Live it to the fullest
Have fun
Be crazy!
(191-K)

School was a
different high
for me!
- Kishab Badhwar
(227-H)

Doon is the start
of our story. It
is time to move on.....
It will be great! -
(Chaitanya Ex-215-J)

GOODBYE
(Sajal Barmal)
151-H

"Memories warm you up from the inside.
But they also tear you apart"
(Haruki Murakami)
Anvay

Mani
(AKHILANJAN)
218-K

Champagne for my real
friends, real pain for
my sham friends
Anvay
(En 236 J)

The place where
dreams come true!
nikunj (190-K)



We only say goodbye to
meet again.

Anvay Tamralcar
(214-H)

Doon is composed of
SOUND AND FURY;
A PLACE WHERE SWEAT
WILL COUNT FAR MORE
THAN TEARS

Thank you for the days
water to swim in and
the hills to climb.

Karan Sethy
Ex 199-Oberoi

Kabhi Alvida Na
Kenna

Karan Gupta
173-H

The place, where friends
become family and
dreams are those,
not assigned
Parvati (176-K)

JUST REMEMBER TO HAVE FUN

- MANAN
184-O

I want school colours - me too
 (YASH 159-H)
 Me three
 (219-H)

"Vivre la Vie"
 "Live Life"
 Bergang

Doon is a journey we must pursue without a map.
 Yashank
 (187-H)

Tosco life = Pastoral Rajul
 (Manan Dadhania)
 132-H

Things which were hard to bear are sweet to remember
 (137-K)

A wonderful journey, full of ups and downs. Doon has given me lessons that I will carry forever.
 - Saunnya
 223-K

Its not the goodbyes that hurt. Its the flashbacks that follow.

- K. Gargy (196-H)

Doon.
 Something I dont regret

244-K

Be Santa-Claus whenever you can
 81164 (160/H)

Make it count
 Janmay
 (Ex 172J)

I owe it all to this place

Survived!
 (MEEL)
 Satish Singh (193-H)

Doon was about living life to the fullest
 @chandhuri
 (Rohan Chaudhari)
 121-H

MAY THE FORCE BE WITH U.

Aranya
 207-I
 Shashwat

An eternal life in 70 acres of joy.
 Azan Brax
 (212-H)

A journey of a lifetime lived in 5 years!
 Pranav Kothiwala

"There is a tide in the affairs of men"
 I rode the tide all the way
 to fortune on the back of amazing friendships, happy memories and a myriad moments of laughter

Krishna Bhat 222-T

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 ये सीटियाँ उन्हें मुबारक
 जिन्हें दुःख तक जाना है।
 जो आसमाँ की आरजू रखते हैं
 उन्हें रास्ता खुद बनाना है ॥
 ...and remembers "Luck"
 has nothing to do with it... 99

Ashwini
 '16 (Ex 189-I)

I came with tears, left with tears.
With a million happy memories
in between.

Jai Lakshya
(128-T)

Vini Vidi Vici!
Sardana (164-T)

'BALL SO HARD'
Lakshya

"If I leave here tomorrow,
would you still remember me?
For I must be travelling on now,
Cause there are too many places
that I've got to see."

Samath Malviya
166-T

May the odds be
ever in your favour

Nihal (Ex 197-J)

Help whenever you can.
SHOURYA

Like all dreamers, I mistook
disenchantment for truth.

- Pity (2)

6 years. No regrets.

Prashant
Chishram Chowdhury
Ex 194-K

GOOD
BYE...
SAHIR

Joined with
Fear
Left with a
Tear
Vishal

I'd rather live with a
BUNCH OF DONKEYS
than live
ALONE LIKE A KING

J-L (Ex 126-J)

Do not let ANYONE
get into the way
of your education.
Be Radical, and above all,
Dream! - SHREYARTAN
183-K

HELP WILL
BE GIVEN AT
DOON TO THOSE
WHO ASK FOR IT.

Vishal
EX-171-K

One hell of a ride!!
Ex-174-J

Best time
my life
I really wanna
hold on!

Nurwana Pops

LIVED IT. LOVED IT.

- SABHARSH
(Ex 185-0)

We used to have it all, but now's our curtain call
So hold for the applause, and wave out
for the crowd, and take our final bow,
it's time to go, but at least we stole the show.

Amal
(AMAL
127 K)

A place to
discover yourself and
a place to find
inseparable friends
- MADHAV GOEL
EX. 136-D

Letter To The Editor

Dear *Weekly*,

Doscos have almost always been aware of the inequalities that exist in the world, and it is this awareness that makes them want to change the world. This idea is a result of the principles of equality that form the cornerstone of our ethos, the sense of a level-playing field that underscores our ideals meshed with the exposure that the students receive in their time here. Given the reputation that Doon and its principles have, it has had to very rarely justify, or even defend its existence as an all-Boys school. Or so I thought till I read on our School's webpage the justification for the same, which features reasons like "*Boys are creative, Boys are funny, Boys make great leaders*", in a tone that almost left the reader with the implication that Girls are neither creative nor funny and without the qualities to become great leaders. It wasn't so much our justification that got my attention but the casual sexism in the manner in which the points were phrased. It was almost as though the School, known for its social service and work towards women empowerment, was using cultural and gendered stereotypes to justify its existence as an all-Boys school.

The link to this page runs through another page which claims Doon to be "*Best Boys Boarding School*" and after reading out-of-context and gendered generalizations makes me want to question that notion. Statements like "*Boys mature later than girls—physically and socially*" talk about societal pressures on boys in the real world - but which society are we talking about? Demographical studies suggest that children, not just boys, do grow differently, both physically and socially, across different societies. Even if we look at India, there are a number of different societies and places where students come from, and to generalize is to hold the entire School to a single thought process which contributes to the same inequalities and cultural conditioning that we are taught to do away with.

The page justifies how boys are creative and participate in activities like 'choir', because a boarding school allows them to be away from the distractions and the need to impress girls. That is not only inherently derogatory to girls, labelling them as distractions but also factually incorrect. The Vienna Boys' Choir, the Wilten Boys' Choir and the Apollo Boys' Choir are some of the best choirs in the world and all feature only boys who live and have grown up in a co-ed world. The fact that an individual was surprised looking at boys singing in choirs is exactly the kind of cultural conditioning and stereotyping that we must do away with instead of using it to defend our existence.

The page also uses Daniel Goleman's work to justify how boys, because of their sense of humour, make great leaders but the manner in which it is phrased makes it look as though quotes are cherry picked to suit this patriarchal point. Goleman has done enormous work in emotional intelligence, and self-deprecating humour is only a very small part of empathy which is one of the five components of emotional intelligence. In fact, he says that, according to Ruth Mallory, who has worked on emotional intelligence with regard to the top ten percent of business leaders, there is almost no difference in men and women at all. Asserting the differences between boys and girls because of acquired traits like humour and leadership feeds into the stereotype that Doscos are encouraged to consign to the past.

"...men, working alongside our women teachers, will make a huge difference in the boys' lives and show that being a man is about many things, not a few characteristics and caricatures promoted by popular culture." This line sounds almost ironical given what the rest of the page seems to be talking about. It talks about teaching boys about what "*being a man*" is all about but isn't the very notion of "*being a man*" meant to be done away with in a community that is looking to bring about gender equality and untwist twisted and ancient cultural ideals? Surely, it is important only to know what it is to be humane and to understand our position and our accountability to our shared humanity?

Every Dosco has the potential to be the living embodiment of the principles that The Doon School seeks to ingrain in its students. The message that this page puts out into the world paints the School in a colour that was never in conjunction with what the School believed, or will ever believe in. We are custodians of the School's principles and this page reflects those ideas which clash with those principles. Given our position as members of this community, I would implore us all to rise above the considerations of gender and not let our horizons be limited by stereotypes. And to believe that, as a friend put it - "*Children are creative, Children are funny, Children make great leaders.*"

Yours Sincerely,

Krishna Lohiya

222-T



Under the Scanner

State Elections | Kanishkh Kanodia

Over the course of the next three months, four states along with a union territory will elect their leaders. As the fight for seats is heating up, voters in Assam, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Pondicherry are embracing themselves for the flood of campaigns and rallies about to come their way. In a time where the nation is engulfed with fierce debates over nationalism and religious intolerance, these polls will be very important, simply because they will showcase which ideologies have appealed to the citizens of the respective states.

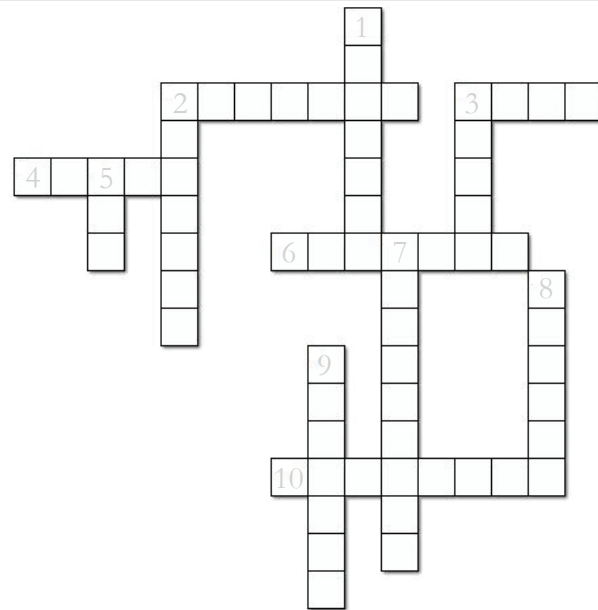
On one hand we have the BJP which, without any major alliances is trying to single-handedly gain control over the State assemblies. After a staggering defeat in the Bihar and Delhi state assembly polls, the party will be hoping to gain back the lost momentum in the upcoming elections. The BJP is expected to make headway in Assam, despite stiff opposition from the INC, which has been in power for the past fifteen years. These polls will also help the BJP gain majority in the Rajya Sabha, thereby enabling them to pass the bills which have been stalled due to their lack of majority in the Upper House.

Stakes are high for the INC as well, being in power in two of the four states. After a humiliating General Election, the party is looking forward to a fourth consecutive win in Assam. Even though in West Bengal the party has formed an alliance with the CPI(M), in Kerala these allies will be the ones turning against each other. It is highly unlikely that their conflicting interests in Kerala will create space for the formation of a cohesive long-lasting coalition in West Bengal.

However, these elections aren't just confined to these two national parties. The TMC, the AIADMK and the AINRC have retained their supremacy in their respective states. While the 'Didi' magic has continued to sway people in West Bengal, 'Amma', in spite of being impeached from the office twice, has preserved her control over Tamil Nadu through massive propaganda. After the split of the DMK in Tamil Nadu, an AIADMK win won't come as a surprise to many. However, the TMC will face the resistance of the CPI(M)-INC alliance, which despite being a new fragile coalition might be able to narrowly win the elections in Bengal.

Conclusively, the upcoming elections will not only affect the state politics but will also influence the Centre to a great extent. The next two months will determine whether there will be a Centre dominated by a single party at both levels or will the system of two Houses continue to function as it currently is.

Crossword



Note: All people referred to in this crossword are done so by their surnames

Across

- Director-General of the Haryana State Police.
- Host of this year's Academy Awards.
- This famous American pop star has filed charges of abuse against her producer Dr. Luke.
- Best New Award went to _____ in the 2016 Grammy Awards
- Intended as a punishment.

Down

- The original currency of Greece.
- Coach of the Indian Cricket Team.
- Florida Republican currently running for President of the United States in this year's election.
- Some erasers are made up of synthetic _____ based gum.
- The newly elected FIFA president.
- Real Madrid's new manager.
- Made or fashioned in the specified way.

10. Punitive	8. Zidane
6. Trainor	7. Infantino
4. Keshha	5. Soy
3. Rock	3. Rubio
2. Singhal	2. Shastri
1. Drachma	9. Wrought
Down	
Answers to This Week's Crossword	

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