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A Helping Hand

Saurav Sethia and K.P.Somaiah interview Lalit Pandey, (ex-84 K '65) who was conferred with the Padma Shri for his efforts in bringing environmental education to rural areas in Uttarakhand's hill districts

The Doon School Weekly (DSW): What work exactly do you carry out with the *Uttarakhand Seva Nidhi Paryavaran Shiksha Sansthan*?

Lalith Pandey (LP): Well, we run an environmental education programme in schools of the region from classes six to eight, and try to bring about a better understanding about the relationship between villages and ecosystems; about how the two are inter-dependent, and important for the rural scenario. We also organise women's empowerment groups and run free schools for the social as well as educational development of the rural community.

DSW: What led you to abandon the corporate world for social service of the kind that you do?

LP: I realised that, as a member of a very privileged section of society, I had a certain responsibility. The ability to make decisions and be self-reliant is very important. I must also add here, that my experiences in American society also helped me to make my decisions. Compared to Indian society, Americans are more liberal. Children are freer to make their own decisions. There, we were encouraged to pursue professions that we would like, not those which were necessarily lucrative. I decided that rather than living in a cocoon, it would be better if I did what I truly wanted to do rather than be carried away on a conveyor belt of sorts. Mostly, we don't really think hard about who we want to be, so we end up going down very conventional, rigid paths of life.

DSW: In your opinion, did education at Doon help you to pursue the career you wanted to, rather than one you would be forced into?

LP: The first Headmasters of the school, Foot and Martyn themselves said that Doon was not meant to be a school that created only millionaires, but was meant to mould boys into men who would contribute positively to society. The school exists to give the world good citizens, not merely a handful of really successful men who don't have much of a hand in the progress of the community. However, Doon did not exclusively make me who I am.

DSW: What do you think sets a Dosco apart from other students?

LP: Doscos are advantaged in the ability to make their own decisions. It is because of this very confidence in making individual decisions that people take notice of Doscos. It is tougher for the community to ridicule their

ideas or decisions, owing to the fact that, no matter what, a Dosco will always believe in himself and his ideology. Other than this small thing, there is nothing that sets a Dosco apart from any one in society, let alone the less privileged.

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Literary Speaking

Dhruv Velloor interviews Wendy Daniels, the visiting examiner for the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts (LAMDA) examinations

The Doon School Weekly (DSW): Tell us a bit about yourself.

Wendy Daniels (WD): I went to drama school to train as an actress. Later, I joined a Children's Theatre Group and acted for a short while. After completing college, I left acting to help my husband, who was a doctor. By then, I already had a teacher's degree. I then taught drama for forty years and finally, became a LAMDA examiner.

DSW: What do you feel distinguishes LAMDA from any other similar examination?

WD: I think that LAMDA has always moved with the times. It has recognized the importance and emphasis of speech and communication. It also has many divisions within it. It is very progressive and builds up communication skills effectively.

DSW: How would you compare Indian students with their foreign counterparts in such examinations?

WD: I think the students are totally committed to their work. They were carefully prepared. They had very clear speech and very good voices. I am also impressed that there was no strain in their voices and that they sounded completely natural. Their voices were also carefully produced and extremely good. Their diction is also infinitely better than that of boys in England.

DSW: Do you think that Indians speak too fast for comprehension? If so, what do you think is the reason for this?

WD: Sometimes, yes. They have a tendency to be over-excitable and run words together. Honestly, I wouldn't know why they do it. I think it is probably something to do with their temperament. Their speech is very animated.

DSW: Finally, what advantages or benefits does LAMDA offer a student?

WD: I think it engenders confidence and an ability to express thought with confidence and clarity. I think it is very important to do so. LAMDA extends your horizons through the study of literature and poetry. It stimulates the imagination.

PT ACCOLADES

Dilshad Sidhu has been adjudged **Best PT Leader** for the year 2007. Well done!

DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Following are the results of the **62nd Dehradun Districts Annual Athletics Meet, 2007:**

Under-14:

High Jump: Tushar Gupta (1st)

200 metre run: Udai Bothra (3rd)

The School team won the **4x400 metre relay** in this category.

Under-16:

Long Jump: Amit Gupta (1st)

100 metre run: Sumer Boparai (2nd)

Shot Put: Shivam Pal (2nd), Pururava Jamwal (3rd)

Discus Throw: Piyush Gupta (3rd)

High Jump: Vishesh Kochher (3rd)

Long Jump: Shiva Gururani (3rd)

800 metre run: Aaditya Gupta (3rd)

The School was placed third in the **4x100 metres relay** in this category.

Under-18:

100 metre run: Ambar Sidhwani (1st), Suryajit Singh (3rd)

200 metre run: Ambar Sidhwani (1st), Praman Narain (3rd)

400 metres: Dishad Sidhu (1st)

110 metre hurdles: Tanuj Bhramar (1st), Pratham Mittal (3rd)

High Jump: Suryajit Singh (1st)

800 metre run: Dishad Singh Sidhu (2nd)

Long Jump: Tanuj Bhramar (2nd)

Discus Throw: Aryaman Sengar (2nd)

400 metre run: Aryaman Sengar (3rd)

1500 metre run: Hanumant Singh (3rd)

High Jump: Aditya Yadavalli (3rd)

Javelin Throw: Aryaman Sengar (3rd)

The School was placed second in the **4x100 metre relay** in this category.

Congratulations!

MORE APPOINTMENTS

The appointments on the Editorial Board of the **DSIR**, this year, are:

Editor-in-Chief: Saksham Sharda

Chief-of-Production: Vishnukaant Pitty

Editor: Naveed Chaudhary

Anindya Vasudev has been appointed the **Secretary of the Mess Committee** for the forthcoming year.

Gurbaaz Sidhu has been appointed the **Secretary of the Quiz Society** for the forthcoming year.

We wish them a fruitful year.

GK PRIZES

The results of the **S.R. Das G.K. Prize Test** are:

1st: Saurabh Tiwary

2nd: Ashish Mitter

Congratulations!

FIRST AID RESULTS

The results of the **Inter-House First Aid Competition** are:

1st: Tata House

4th: Oberoi House

2nd: Hyderabad House

5th: Kashmir House

3rd: Jaipur House

Well done!

INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS

The House rankings in the **Inter-House Athletics Competition, 2007** are as follows:

House Cup

1st: Tata House

2nd: Oberoi House

3rd: Kashmir House

4th: Jaipur House

5th: Hyderabad House

Senior Cup

1st: Tata House

2nd: Oberoi House

3rd: Kashmir House

4th: Jaipur House

5th: Hyderabad House

Junior Cup

1st: Kashmir House

2nd: Tata House

3rd: Oberoi House

4th: Jaipur House

5th: Hyderabad House

Opinion Poll

Do you think that subject choices in the S and Sc forms should be determined by your ICSE result?



Next Week's Question: Are you in favour of Boxing continuing as a sport in School?

Vote Analysis

Not faring well in the Boards in a particular subject should not stop us from taking it up in later forms. The reason for the 19% people actually voting 'yes' is that a lot of people do not know what they are going to take in S and Sc form, until the last moment. Imposing a rule on the weaker students, barring them from taking the subjects in which they did not do well is unfair, even undemocratic, and reflects that there is no hope for improvement. This curtails our freedom and turns the pressure of the Board Exams up a notch. Truth be told, there are greater chances of a student performing better in a subject that he/she likes, rather than one which he/she is forced to study. In the end, I think, the outcome of the vote speaks for itself. Doscors want the freedom and flexibility to choose their future without the oppression of the marks they get in the Boards.

CAREER CALL

The careers' notice board will post information on **Finance** and **Accounting** this week. All aspiring economists and bankers should look it up.

HEADMASTER'S ADDRESS
Founder's Day
2007

Ladies and Gentlemen, and students of the Doon School:

Welcome to our Founder's Day celebrations.

Let me begin with a brief introduction of the Chief Guest.

Mr. Mani Shanker Aiyar is the Honorable Minister for Panchayati Raj, Youth Affairs and Sports, and Development of the Northeast Region in the Union Cabinet. From 2004 to 2006, he was Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas. Mr. Aiyar was born in Lahore. He studied at Welham Preparatory School and The Doon School. He went on to do an Honours in Economics at St. Stephen's College, Delhi University, and topped the university. From Delhi, Mr. Aiyar moved on to Cambridge University where he did a Master's in Economics. Mr. Aiyar joined the Indian Foreign Service thereafter, and served in Brussels, Hanoi, New Delhi, Baghdad, and Karachi in various capacities. During Mr. Rajiv Gandhi's prime ministership, Mr. Aiyar served in the Prime Minister's Office. He sought voluntary retirement from the foreign service and entered politics. Mr. Aiyar was elected to the Lok Sabha from the Tamil Nadu constituency of Mayila-du-tharai in 1991, 1999, and 2004, and lost in 1996 and 1999. Mr. Aiyar is not just a diplomat and parliamentarian, he is also a very successful commentator and writer. Since 1989 he has written regularly for a number of newspapers and magazines. Amongst his books are *Remembering Rajiv*, *One Year in Parliament*, *Pakistan Papers*, and *Confessions of a Secular Fundamentalist*. Mr. Aiyar has been a standout parliamentarian and Minister. The Indian media, on more than one occasion, has listed him as one of the most effective Ministers in the present UPA government. Most recently, in September 2006, Mr. Aiyar was recognized for his parliamentary abilities when he was awarded the Outstanding Parliamentarian of The Year Award for 2006. He is widely regarded as an articulate, witty, and often combative parliamentarian, and has stood for issues of inclusiveness, tolerance, and social justice. Speaking as an Old Boy and as someone who grew up in Tata House, it is most gratifying to have such a distinguished Old Boy from my House as Chief Guest.

May I also introduce the Board of Governors: Mr. Dhruv Sawhney is Chairman of the Board of Governors, Dr. Krishnamoorthy Srinivas has helped the school with medical and counseling issues, Mr. Ajay Shriram is Honorary Treasurer of the Board, Mr. Analjit Singh chairs the Fundraising Committee, Mr. Vikram Lal is head of the Human Resources Committee of the Board, Mr. Mahesh Sahai helps the school with financial and tax matters, Mr. Rohit Handa is the Chairman of the Architecture and Projects Committee, Mr. Ratanjit Singh helps the school with estate care and has a particular interest in the role of values in education, Mr. Gautam Chadha is President of the Old Boys Society and a Special Invitee to the Board.

It is my great pleasure to welcome all visiting parents, Old Boys, and other friends of the School who lend such colour to the occasion. May I extend a special

welcome to those Old Boys who have come to celebrate their jubilees and get-togethers. These are the batches of 1957, 1972, and 1982. My batch, the batch of 1972 is here for its 35th year, and it is very exciting for me to see them here. I welcome back into our midst former Headmasters Gulab Ramchandani, Shomie Das, and John Mason. I would like to recognize my former teacher and a revered master of the school, Mr. Gurdial Singh, who is here every Founder's Day. Just weeks ago, he was awarded the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award for lifetime contributions to mountaineering. In his long and distinguished career, Mr. Gurdial Singh has received several awards including the Arjuna Award, Padma Shri, and the President's Gold Medal of the Indian Mountaineering Federation (IMF). I would also like to recognize another one of my former teachers and an iconic personality, Mr. Sheel Vohra, who also is here every Founder's Day. Mr. Vohra lives in Dehra Dun, and he continues to visit and help the school unstintingly when asked to do so, both on and off the sports field. Thank you, sir.

The Annual Report, in its entirety, will be on the school website. I will, therefore, turn to some of the highlights of the year. Let me begin with the Board examination results. We had an excellent year. The ISC batch averaged over 85.6%, and 34 boys out of 78 scored over 90%. In the ICSE, we averaged 84.5%, and 28 boys out of 92 scored over 90%. Aditya Ajmani topped the ISC batch with an average of 96.25%. Akshit Batra topped the ICSE batch with an average of 95.4%. The ISC result is probably the best we have ever produced. The school began the IB Diploma in April of this year. We have made a reasonably good start. Boys and teachers alike are enjoying the challenge of the IB which is demanding and rigorous. Our first IB batch will take the examination in November 2008. As important as academic excellence is excellence in sports and other co-curricular activities. It has been a busy and fulfilling year for the school in this regard.

In sports, we continue to excel at basketball. The school was runners up in four tournaments and won the Hilton Fixed Five's Tournament. Less than a week ago, it won the IPSC basketball tournament—we think for the first time ever. Several of our boys played for the state's under 16 and under 18 team in the national championships. In cricket, we played night cricket for the first time, against the Old Boys in Delhi, and then again in Dehra Dun, and split the matches. Soccer is also very popular and is attracting a lot of talented junior boys. Our junior team played eight matches, winning five. Vahin Khosla scored twelve goals and got two hat-tricks. He also represented the Shimla Under 16 team in the Welsh International Super Cup in England in the summer of 2007. The squash team won both the junior and senior Uttarakhand state championships. In tennis, our boys went to the semi finals of various tournaments. Abhishek Gupta and Kanav Mehra won the finals of the doubles of the under 14 category in the Uttarakhand State Ranking Tournament. Abhimanyu Chandra has just won the Under 18 Uttarakhand State Ranking Tournament. Swimming and life saving are vital skills. Eighteen out of 28 boys who appeared for the Rashtriya Life Saving Award became lifeguards and lifesavers. In the inter-house swimming competition, records continued

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to tumble: Oberoi House broke the 12x25 metres relay event, Vishesh Kochher broke the 100 metre breastroke in the medium section, and Aditya Bishnoi set a new record in the 200 metre freestyle in the medium section. In the IPSC Swimming Tournament, just a few days ago, we came second in the boys' category.

In debating, we had an outstanding year. Twenty-five boys represented the school in various debates—an unprecedented number. We had emphatic wins in the Slater, Gibson, and Chuckerbutty debates. We brought back the Slater Trophy after ten years, and came second in the finals of the Frank Anthony Debate. Shikhar Singh and Ashish Mitter won a massive 18 Best Speaker awards between them!

The Lamda Speech examinations attracted a large number of boys again. 32 boys got Distinctions and 37 got Merits. While I am on the subject of speech you will recall that senior boys take Assembly twice a week; and boys of all forms give Assembly talks on Mondays and Saturdays. From this year, we will award a prize for the best Assembly speaker in English and Hindi. The prize is in the memory of the late Shrivindu Mehta (ex-65 J '74). His Doon School friends have given us this award, and I expect it to galvanize even greater interest in these talks.

This year, the school got serious about the Model United Nations programme. Students represent different countries in simulated UN debates and discussions. Two years ago, we sent our first team to Delhi and came back second in an inter-school competition. This year, we won at Woodstock and went to competitions in Chennai and Mumbai where we went up against teams that had been in the fray for over a decade. In September, we hosted our own MUNA competition.

Mountaineering has a great history at Doon. In the summer of 2007 our mountaineers climbed the Dhumdar Kandi Pass at 5576 metres. The Doon School became the first school to climb up to the pass.

Music attracts boys like perhaps no other activity, as you will see in a few minutes on this stage. In the inter-house music competition, over 120 boys participated, nearly one quarter of the school.

Similarly, our publications flourish. Here too over one hundred boys are involved in everything from writing and editing to production. I know of no other school where so much publishing occurs. This year we launched a Mathematics magazine, *Infinity*. We hope it will stimulate an interest in Mathematics and will be a regular feature.

Our quiz team was very active. Led by Ashish Mitter, it won the Riverdale, RIMC, Scindia School, Gibson, and Welham Girls quizzes.

The list of House and individual awards this past year, as always, is immense. Let me just report three items. At the inter-house level, The Doon School Cup was awarded for the third time. The cup goes to the House that scores best on academics, sports and other co-curricular activities, and discipline. This year, once again, The Doon School Cup was won by Oberoi House, closely followed by Kashmir House. At the individual level, our most coveted awards are the Scholar's Blazer, Games Blazers, and Proficiency Cups. The following were awarded the Scholar's Blazer: Skand Goel, Pranay Aggarwal, Pradyot Shahi, Pulkit Baheti, Shikhar Singh, Vishnukaant Pitty, Vishesh Goel, Yash Rajiv Gandhi, Akshay Kumar, and Akshit Batra. The Games

Blazer went to the following: Rajnush Aggarwal, Abhimanyu Chandra, Tanveer Angad Singh,, Jehangir Chinoy, Aditya Ajmani, Pulkit Baheti, Shubham Gupta, Dilshad Sidhu, Samay Mangalgiri, Rituraj Raizada, Tanuj Bhramar, and Suryajit Singh. Pulkit Baheti won both the Scholar's and Games Blazer, a feat which has only been done thirteen times since the Scholar's Blazer was instituted 36 years ago. Incidentally, the first winner of both Blazers is here in the audience, my batchmate, Vinay Sheel Oberoi, (ex-327 T '72). Finally, the senior Proficiency Cup was awarded to Pulkit Baheti and the junior Proficiency Cup to Sriyash Kishorepuria.

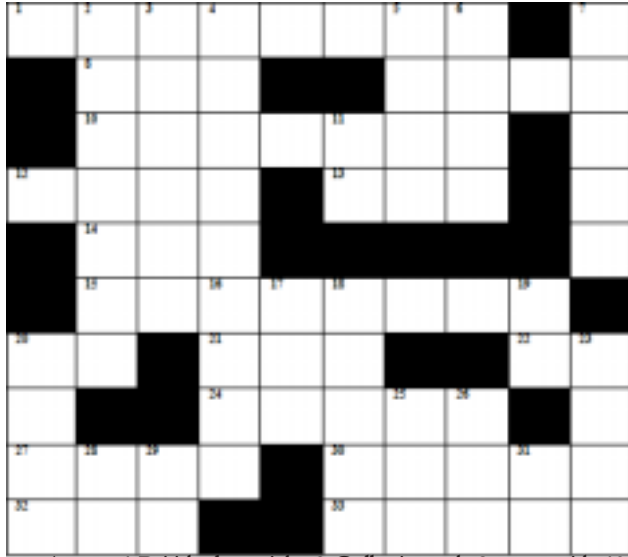
The school continues to be involved in a variety of social and community service projects. This year the boys have worked in surrounding villages in Dandapur, Fatehpur, and Mulookchand. They built toilets, a community centre, and primary school buildings. Other boys went to Ladakh where they worked in the Wanla village for nearly a month. Four boys went to the nature reserve project in Forfar, Scotland, where they helped build various facilities. In April, for the first time, we sent an entire form to work in local villages for about a week so that every boy once in his school career gets the opportunity to do village development work and experience life in rural India. The new S formers, having completed their Board examinations, went to nearby communities and worked at various development projects. It was hot and demanding work, but they learned a lot about themselves and about the lives of people less fortunate than themselves. I want to thank Rahul Roy (ex-926 J '82) and Bhaskar Vira (ex-286 J '85), who gave us the idea of sending the boys after the Board exams. Within the school, the boys continue to serve in various ways—at last count, we had twenty-five SUPW squads. Scores of boys are involved and learn the importance of service and working together.

Ladies and gentlemen, students: that concludes my review of some of the highlights of the year. I want to end with my thanks to those who have helped the school. This year the school has attracted a number of generous donations. I would like to take this opportunity to express our very great thanks for these gifts. Nearly three years into our fundraising programme, we have received over thirteen crore rupees, from our Old Boys and from corporate houses.

Before I close, may I also take this opportunity to thank the entire Doon School community for its cooperation and good humour: the students, who are the life and soul of the school, my colleagues on the teaching staff, who are tireless and dedicated to the cause, the Heads of Departments, Housemasters, and Deans, who are in the front lines every day, the Deputy Headmaster, Mr. Philip Burrett, who does so much with great good humour and understanding, the Head of Human Resources and Head of Finance, who allow us to get on with schoolmastering and, finally, the administrative, technical, and subordinate staffs, who serve the school with such diligence and affection. On behalf of the school, may I take this opportunity to thank Mr. Dhruv Sawhney for his leadership as Chairman of the Board of Governors. This is Mr. Sawhney's last Founder's Day as Chairman. The School has witnessed many changes in the past five years. These would not have been possible without his experience, energy, and astuteness. Dhruv, thank you very much.

Cruciverbalist's Corner

Shoumitra Srivastava



Across: 1. British playwright. 8. Collective verb. 9. ___ smith. 10. Stock of misery. 12. Possession. 13. ___ Zeppelin. 14. Ohio Graduation Test. 15. A part of the brain associated with memory. 20. An American state. 21. Largest active volcano in Japan. 22. A prefix. 24. El Paso, _____. 25. Word of comparison. 27. Sri Lankan extremists. 30. Runaway to get married. 32. Ultra Heated Test. 33. A sport named after a town.

Down: 2. Cassava starch used to thicken puddings. 3. South African river/citrus fruit. 4. Synonym for permeate. 5. Most uncommon. 6. Cease to be. 7. Alexander's ally. 11. Oil of vitri ___ -another name for H₂SO₄. 16. Frequency. 17. East South East. 18. Puglist. 19. ___, I, myself. 20. Indian cabinet minister. 23. A homophone. 25. Component of C.P.U. 26. Largest freshwater river in Iceland. 28. 20__ Century Fox. 29. Ping Pong. 31. Amphoteric metal.

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The Mess Committee

Anindya Vasudev reports on the meeting held on November 6

It is understood that there does exist a problem when it comes to the variety of vegetarian dishes served in School, especially with the growing frequency of paneer-based dishes that would leave "paneer coming out of the ears" of all our vegetarian friends. Madhav's point is well taken (LTTE, Issue No. 2169, November 3) and it was, amongst other proposals, one that was discussed extensively. But, at the same time, I would like to bring to your knowledge that paneer is, in fact, not the cheapest available option to School. Moreover, our endeavour will be to reduce the frequency of paneer-based dishes and introduce a greater and better variety of other non-paneer dishes.

There were a few other matters discussed in the recent Mess Committee Meeting. Winter food items will soon be reintroduced in the menu. The decision on the installation of the *Hotlicks* dispensing machines in the Houses would be taken at the end of this month. In the spring term, next year, there will be new furniture in the CDH. A variety of different pastas are going to be tried out. The soya content in food will increase for both, variety and nutrition. The proposal for the introduction of cloth and paper napkins was rejected as it would lead to littering on campus, especially near the CDH. Iced tea will remain a cafeteria item, and will be served in the Tuck Shop or in the Houses as café. The proposals of the previous Mess Committee Meeting have been implemented and we are constantly trying to increase and improve the assortment of vegetarian dishes that we are offering. The Mess Committee is appreciative of all the proposals from members of the School community. They, alone, will help us to serve you better.

| Viewpoint | Epic Battles

Vihan Khanna

It is a war that has been raging for years. The World Wars, the attack on Pearl Harbour, and the tragedy of the Twin Towers pales in comparison to this. What am I talking about? Parents vs. Children.

Evil comes in many forms. I would like to focus on two of them right now. The first is what I call 'real evil'. It is this kind of evil that is all-out cruel, the kind of evil that can easily be recognised. People like Hitler, Osama bin Laden, and Saddam Hussein fall into this kind of category. And in a way, this kind of evil is not that bad. Not that I am saying that massacring people and planning to rule the world is really good. It's just that this evil has a knack of getting defeated easily. The other evil is a lot more difficult to tackle.

The other kind of evil in this world is far more despicable, crafty, and intelligent. In fact, it really incorporates some innovative principles. The other kind of evil is, parents.

Parents have always dominated children since history began. Why? Not because they are smarter or stronger; because children have sympathy for the people who have raised them. Parents live a strenuous life, and I'm not denying that they don't. They get up early in the mornings, go to work, and come back late at night looking like wrecks. But parents are the ones who get agitated easily and on a daily basis. And who do you think they take their frustration out on? Yes, us kids.

Parents, in my eyes, are nosy busybodies. Their version of 'communicating with us', is prying into our lives. Why you might ask? They wish to monitor and control our lives so that we can live out their dreams, and relive their youth. I mean, just look at the Old Boys. But perhaps, it isn't their fault. One's childhood is really something precious and one may want it to return. But, that doesn't mean that they turn us into guinea pigs.

Parents have an uncanny ability to complain at length. Perhaps it is a blessing, or perhaps it's just a REAL BIG PAIN. Parents whine about the way we speak, the way we talk, the way we dress, and the way we conduct ourselves in public. Yet, at the same time, they always praise others. "Look at him... See what he's doing... Why can't you be more like him." The list is endless. But who ever reprimands their own parents? How come nobody ever goes up to their parent and says, "Why were you slacking in the office today, Dad?" or "Mom, stop caring about what they serve in the restaurants and care about what you're cooking in the kitchen." Is it because we respect our elders? Maybe, but it is also because parents have a secret weapon at their disposal. What is it? Love.

Parents (or most of them at least), provide us with unconditional love. After a bad day all it sometimes takes is a hug or a look and you feel so much better. But, whichever way they show it, parents always love their children. And maybe this is why children refuse to despise their parents.

On the bright side, it is great for us that parents are in charge of this world. Because, whenever something goes wrong, children or teenagers are rarely blamed. That responsibility is given to parents. We can learn from all this, and not repeat the same mistakes. For our childhood is going to slip right by and twenty years down the line, we are going to have to deal with taxes, stocks, and, worst of all, children.

Evil Eyes

Kanishka Malik

You might look at me through those clever eyes,
Laughing at me for my repeated tries.
Tricking me behind my back,
Stopping me on my tracks.
You are the destroyer of my melodies,
Encouraging my enemies.
You always try to snatch my victory,
Trying to put me in misery.
When I'm falling you kick me more,
Throwing me out of heaven's door.
You always try to cause me pain,
Leaving me nothing to gain.
You always try to push me down,
Casting me that dirty frown.
I'm aware that you are jealous of me,
You try regretting that, painfully.

I will rise,
Because you know I am wise.
I know you try to make me burn
This is because you yourself melt
Knowing that even a hundred of you cannot be felt.
No matter what you do,
With numbness you will always be blue,
And always try to pretend,
That you are the boss
And can send me for a toss.
But let me tell you
That the truth is the truth
No matter what games you play,
It is me who will win the day.
Everyone will laugh at you.
Perhaps, then you will realize your mistake,
To never be so fake,
Never being something that you can't be.

Departure

Vatsal Khandelwal

They depart into the ever-widening depths of memories.
Memories, just memories,
With no authenticity left in them.
It is predestined by God.
But, who is God to come in the way of love?
This is the last moment to cherish,
And this is the last moment to live together.
Nothing will be left after this.
The moments they shared together,
Pierce his heart like a dagger.
For him, she is only a dream,
For her, he is just a memory.

Three Trees

K.P. Somaiah

Opinions change,
And so do we;
After such a long time
Would you recognise me?
I've still not packed,
Late, as usual;
I hope I'm done
When morning comes;
Don't want to be told off again.

So look for yourself
In the tangled web of history,
More new inventions
For you and for me;
Playing politics
In the offices of intelligence,
So many dirty tricks
In the guise of benevolence.

Even as I watch,
Wasting what I know I should not,
The sunlight casts more shadows
Across me;
And what used to be
Three trees that once stood
Now only one remains.
I hope I'm not around
To see them fall again
Once again...

Finished

Vikram Aditya Chaudhri

Him there,
Me here.
A stare into each other's eyes.
Standing tall,
Who will fall?

Statements full of lies.

Bad judgement?
Should I repent?
Words fly many miles across.
Intended meaning,
Hypocritical being?

Life is filled with remorse.

Its over:
Thoughts hover.
What is done is done.
Life goes on,
No time to mourn.

For the one who has, forever, been shunned.

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