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## Poetic Treat

The Doon School Weekly interviewed **Vishvajit Singh** (ex-641-T '64), a former diplomat and current member of the Congress Party, who held a poetry reading session in Hindi on May 5

**The Doon School Weekly (DSW): Do you think Hindi has lost its importance in English medium schools?**

**Vishvijit Singh (VTS):** I think it lost its importance a long time ago. The root of this problem is that we give too much importance to people who speak and write English. In Japan, Korea and many other countries, all the government records and paperwork is done in their native language. There is always a language of diplomacy and of communication. Once upon a time it used to be Spanish; at one time it was even Latin. Today English has become the language of diplomacy and communication. The other setback is that Hindi is a new language. It is one of the newest languages in India.

**DSW: What inspired you to write Hindi poetry?**

**VTS:** When I was in School, two of my teachers, Mr Bhagvati Prasad Chandola and Mr Hari Dutt Bhatt 'Shailesh', who was a Shantiniketan graduate, inspired me and took me into the depths of poetry. The great thing about this School is the relationship between teachers and students.

**DSW: You also represented the country in the United Nations General Assembly. Don't you think that the United Nations should bring about reforms to take into account the interests of developing nations?**

**VTS:** Absolutely; the time has come when the UN itself is ready to change; the only question is how and when. At such a time, India should be brave and confident. India and China, comprising one-third of the world's population, are in an extremely strong position. Whenever India and China make a plan, the world will follow due to the population. I think India, Russia and other countries have proven over the past few years that they aren't pushovers. The sanctity of the United States is becoming less and there are plenty of countries opposing it.

**DSW: But considering the number of paradoxes there are in India, do you still think that it will obtain an important position in the Security Council?**

**VTS:** The Security Council seat has nothing to do with paradoxes. It is the population and the progress which are the main factors.

**DSW: After the economic reforms, most of the Doscocs are choosing to join the private sector rather than the administration. Do you think that this is a cause for concern?**

**VTS:** I think the shift of interest of a Dosco's job mindset took place quite long ago. Many of the boys used to join the private sector due to their family businesses. It's just the way sons of politicians join politics. Even in my time, there were fewer people who chose to be a part of the administration.

**DSW: Speaking about politics, don't you think that it is difficult for one to join politics in India due to the need of a political background?**

**VTS:** Yes, that is true. Even Rahul Gandhi says that he is in his position due to the advantages he had but you see, those who are enthusiastic are getting their chances even if they have no political lineage. Rahul Gandhi has stepped into the Youth Congress in order to bring talented youngsters into politics. All genuinely committed politicians and social workers are getting the chance to prove their worth.

**Angad Bawa** reports on the Uttarakhand International Film Festival for Documentary, Short and Animation Films held between April 23–29

## THE SILVER SCREEN

Filmmaking is not something that is new to Doscocs. A number of our alumni are prominent in this field, such as Chetan Anand, Roshan Seth, Himani Bhatt, Rohit Vats, Chandrachuda Singh, Imaad Shah, Vivaan Shah and Ashwin Kumar. Still, it is disappointing that School does not provide much impetus to students interested in this field. This is why the uncommon film festival in Dehradun from April 23–29 enthused me. I had seen the posters of this event on one of my outings, but was dismayed that it wouldn't be possible for me to attend a film festival, owing to the hectic school schedule. It was a forbidden luxury. But when MHF proposed such a trip, I agreed without a second thought. The Uttarakhand International Film Festival for Documentary, Short and Animation Films was organised by RK Verma, President of the Uttaranchal Film Chamber of Commerce. The main objective of the festival was to promote the film industry in Uttarakhand and to spread awareness of films, not just as a source of entertainment, but also as an informative and aesthetic art. Films of different genres from many nations were screened.

We visited Chayadeep movie hall to attend this festival. I confess that my original intention was to do research for my extended essay. Fortunately, I detracted from my original plan sufficiently to have a thoroughly enriching experience. Of the many vivid sights, what gripped me most were movie posters of films from *Alam Ara* to *Bholu ki Bakri*, *Gumraah* to *Devdas* and Joe Streber's *I Me Myself* to Ashwin Kumar's *Little Terrorist*. Each film was given its due importance. Chayadeep seemed like a global film hub, a miniature Cannes. I took a walk through the corridors of this magnificent 'film city', studied a few posters, took some pictures and later interviewed Mr Verma on this event.

It was a great learning experience. The festival gave independent documentary film makers and animators an opportunity to showcase their work and encouraged individual talent. Regular visits to these events and festivals will certainly provide great opportunity for students who are interested in mass media and film making

## FRENCH DELEGATION

Jaiveer Jakhar, Saib Ahmed, Revant Nayar and Vibhav Gaur represented the School in the **Sciences Politique Europe Asia Conference** held in France between April 26 – 30. Revant Nayar was adjudged the **Best Speaker** of the conference while Saib Ahmed was adjudged the **Best Speaker** for the topic 'Is war justifiable?'. Vibhav Gaur was adjudged the **Best Speaker** for the topic 'Should and will Europe become a country?' Well done!

## GOING BADDY

The following are the results of the **Individual Badminton Tournament, 2010**:

### Juniors:

**Winner:** Devang Mehra

**Runner-Up:** Aditya Gandhi

### Mediums:

**Winner:** Abhishek Parasrampuria

**Runner-Up:** Dhruv Goel

### Seniors:

**Winner:** Vaibhav Gupta

**Runner-Up:** Mukund Nyati

Congratulations!

## DEBATES

The following are the results of the **Senior Inter-House English Debates, 2010**:

### Semi-Final Round:

**Best Speaker:** Shoumitra Srivastava

**Most Promising Speaker:** Arjun Sethi

**Winner:** Kashmir House

**Runner-Up:** Tata House

### Final Round (Tata vs Kashmir):

**Best Speaker:** Shoumitra Srivastava

**Most Promising Speaker:** Revant Nayar

**Most Popular Speaker:** Shoumitra Srivastava

**Winner:** Kashmir House

The final House positions are as follows:

**1st:** Kashmir

**2nd:** Tata

**3rd:** Hyderabad

**4th:** Oberoi

**5th:** Jaipur

Well done!

## HOCKEY

The School Hockey Team played Maharana Pratap Sports College on May 6 in the **Kandhari Memorial Hockey Tournament** and lost 4 – 0. Well tried!

## CAREER CALL

The Careers' Notice Board will feature **Anthropology** as a career option this week.

## Opinion oll

Do you feel night cafe and house drinks provide sufficient refreshment?

 **Yes 54%**

 **No 46%**

( 378 members of the community were polled)

**Next Week's Question:** Do you feel the SSA form is redundant?

## CRICKET COLOURS

The following have been awarded **Colours** in cricket:

### Full Colours:

Rohan Gupta

Itihaas Singh

Shreyvardhan Swaroop

Uddhav Prasad

Azam Jauhal

Congratulations!

### Half Colours:

Ashwin Dokania

## MEDICS

The following students were awarded the **First Aid Label** in the test held on Tuesday, May 1:

Sarthak Katiyar, Gaurav Garg, Siddharth Kaul, Imroz Suri, Udai Vir Lakhnupal, Virein Chabra, Vaibhav Bahadur, Aditya Vikram Gupta, Arifeen Chowdhury, Vidit Sidana, Sanat Verma, Mahak Sharma, Abhishek Pai, Sanat Thakur, Himanshu Todi, Shivank Singh, Shivam Goel, Yash Agarwal and Raghav Dhandha.

Mahak Sharma and Gaurav Garg scored the highest.

Congratulations!

## SHOOTING HOOPS

Rishabh Chatterjee, Arjun Midha, Abhinandan Rajan and Shekhar Bishnoi represented Dehradun in the **Under-18 State Basketball Tournament**. The Dehradun team won the tournament. Well played!

## | Poetry |

### On Tagore

*Shashank Peshawaria*

He sits down

In his verandah –

With his flowing beard,

And intense, black eyes

That dream quietly –

Creating colourful images

From thin air,

Looks silently

At the burgeoning countryside

From a drifting barge,

And thoughts flow

Like the rippling waters of

The Hooghly.

I often wonder

At Rabi babu's artistry,

Or why my words

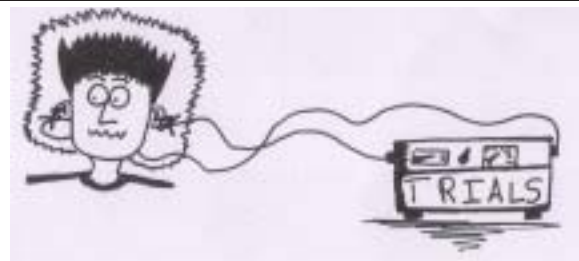
Have no power.

## ERRATA

The dates of the hockey matches in the Kandhari Memorial Hockey Tournament reported in issue no 2249 dated May 8, 2010 were incorrectly reported as April 3, April 4 and April 5. The actual dates of the matches were May 3, May 4 and May 5 respectively. The *Weekly* regrets this error.

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*Madhav Dutt*



*Shocking realisation: Trials have arrived*

# CCTV in the Hospital: Is it justified?

| Point |

**Kanishka Malik**

Boys are granted privileges which, when misused, are taken away. In the spring term last year, the Sc form was disallowed *iPods* owing to rampant theft the term before. Likewise, for whatever reasons, we are not granted a number of privileges: internet freedom or laptops for Scs, both of which are liable to be misused. These examples typify the situation in the Hospital. There have been a number of instances where illegal electronics were used by students in the Hospital. There have been cases of bullying in the dormitories. To prevent the hospital from becoming a gaming arcade of sorts, there is a certain amount of monitoring required; a role which is played by the CCTV.

Another issue is that of trespassing: boys use the hospital to import or export goods ordered by seniors. Many times, boys just walked in and went off to sleep on one of the beds or watched television or had hour-long conversations with their form mates. It was felt necessary to install CCTV cameras.

There was also the issue of faking illnesses, using onions under their arm pits, eating chillis, or putting thermometers in hot water to get admitted. For days boys kept using these tricks to show consistent bad health and to eventually be sent home. Boys are also not concerned about their own health, and practise a habitual disregard: they are up till late, raising a racket and not resting. To prevent these practices from taking place under their noses, the Hospital staff needs the CCTV cameras to monitor every part of the building, even the bathrooms. It is physically impossible for the staff to keep an eye on boys at all times. They have more important things to do, like handle the logistics of the Hospital.

But if we look at this move of installing CCTV cameras in the broader sense, it is evident that they have been installed to send a message: don't break rules or else they will become stricter or, don't misuse privileges or they will be taken away. The Hospital was constructed for the sick to recover, but when boys started using it to take power naps and do some other business, the School had to take certain undesirable, but wholly justified steps. This sets a precedence that the School administration will not tolerate any misuse of privileges under any circumstances. Essentially, we would be demanding, on the pretext of our privacy, the liberty to flout rules without being checked. The Hospital was not a sanctum of recovery or a private dormitory where could be granted privacy. It was a hub of undesirable activity, on which one must clamp down.

| Counterpoint |

**Vivek Santayana**

On the pretext of monitoring boys in the Hospital, we are encroaching on our privacy to an unacceptable extent. What could the close-circuit cameras possibly achieve? One can keep an eye on whatever happens in the wards at all times, granted, but that could not possibly qualify as effective monitoring of patients. 'Monitoring' would entail measuring and keeping track of all vital statistics, such as pulse, temperature, et cetera. The CCTV is for surveillance alone, for a number of reasons, mostly valid: bullying, trespassing, misbehaviour, disregard for one's health, use of unauthorised electronics and cases of malingering. This can perhaps serve to justify their installation. These violations happen at a rate beyond the capacity of the staff or administration to mitigate. It is not humanly possible for the Hospital staff to keep a constant check on the wards, given they have other, more important, issues to tend to. Looking beyond the Hospital, cases of bullying, vandalism and theft could have been prevented or dealt with effectively had such systems been in place. There has been discussion on the installation of a surveillance system in the Library to prevent theft of books. The efficacy of such a system is unquestionable. We are keeping up with the changing times and keeping our administration slick, streamlined and hands-free; we are embracing technology.

However, resorting to such methods to curb bullying, physical violence or other such violations reflects the incapacity of the School's disciplinary apparatus. Rather than instilling discipline, we are policing boys more stringently. However, that is not the solution. It will not instil an understanding of the rules or a sense of values. This is merely the advent of a technological laziness. Rather than resolving the issue comprehensively, we are content with efficient, stop-gap solutions.

The School environment could be in danger of being reduced from a dynamic, home-like campus into a mechanical system. It is a re-emergence of 'authoritarian high modernism' (James C Scott, *Seeing like a State: How Certain Schemes to Improve the Human Condition Have Failed*), by which we clamp down on the community so firmly that we leave very little space for 'human' interactions beyond mere physical contact. Essentially, we have a minimalistic conception of human nature. We do not realize that boys, teenagers, need their space. This is why Sc form studies are much-awaited perquisites. This is why boys sometimes grow their hair, paint their schoolbags or do other such trivial things: individuals are only trying to assert their identity in an environment that imposes an unnatural uniformity. We will be encroaching further into a boy's mental space with such surveillance, stifling an individual's growth. Boys are meant to be guided, not watched. Knowing your every movement is being recorded will create an atmosphere of fear and insecurity, nothing else. We will hesitate before we do what comes naturally: joke around, have fun or change our clothes.

Such a measure in the Hospital heralds the mechanization of our campus. It is inevitable that, in perhaps five years time, the campus will become a soulless machine for our everyday activities, and 'Big Brother' will be watching, with a daunting, intrusive omnipresence.

## Opinion oll

**Do you think the CC-TV in the School Hospital is encroaching too much on our privacy?**



(200 members of the community were polled)

(Reprinted from issue no 2247 dated April 24, 2010)

# The Minutes of the Meeting of the School Council

Held on February 17, 2010 at 3:30 pm in the Nandlal Kilachand Library

## **The following members were present:**

Dr. Peter McLaughlin	Headmaster (Chairman)
Mr. Philip Burrett	Deputy Headmaster
Mr. Sameer Katre	Director of Administration
Mr. Deepak Sharma	Dean of Sports
Dr. M.C. Joshi	Dean of Social and Community Service
Mr. P.K. Nair	Dean of Studies
Mr. A. Qezilbash	Dean of Students' Welfare
Mrs. Priya Chauhan	Teachers' Representative
Mr. Anjan Chaudhary	Housemasters' Representative
Mrs. Ranjeet Kaur	Dames' Representative
Aseem Kumar	Prefects' Representative (Secretary)
Arnav Sahu	School Captain
Jayant Mukhopadhaya	'H' House Senior Representative
Ayush Jain	'H' House Senior Representative
Aamir Shah	'H' House Junior Representative
Parth Vohra	'H' House Junior Representative
Angad Bawa	'J' House Senior Representative
Samarth Jaiswal	'J' House Senior Representative
Karan Kairon	'J' House Junior Representative
Suyash Raj Shivam	'J' House Junior Representative
Harsh Verma	'K' House Senior Representative
Sadman Chaudhary	'K' House Senior Representative
Abhishek Kakkar	'K' House Junior Representative
Shubham Aggarwal	'K' House Junior Representative
Nikhil Narain	'O' House Senior Representative
Sambudha Naha	'O' House Senior Representative
Divyant Sapra	'O' House Junior Representative
Rishabh Das	'O' House Junior Representative
Umang Newatia	'T' House Senior Representative
Shashvat Dhandhania	'T' House Senior Representative (Stand-in)
Jai Khanna	'T' House Junior Representative
Vikram Kapur	'T' House Junior Representative

## **Proposals and issues of the current meeting:**

### **a) Laptops should be allowed for Sc formers**

Nikhil Narain and Ayush Jain felt that laptops would be beneficial for college applications for Sc formers since the thin clients stop working after 6:30 pm. The Chairman acknowledged the possibility of allowing laptops for Sc formers. PRC suggested that laptops could be deposited with the housemasters or matrons after use. The Secretary suggested having laptops provided by School with minimal port and multimedia facilities in order to counter the possibility of their misuse. It was decided that the Technological Council would look into the matter and would report back to the School Council in the next meeting.

### **b) Increase in the midterm budget**

Nikhil Narain expressed the inconvenience experienced by private midterm parties due to the inadequacy of the midterm budget, especially due to the increase in transport and accommodation costs. MCJ suggested that the School office should pay for all expenses.

### **c) Cafe should be served every night**

Samarth Jaiswal brought to the notice of the Council that cafe was served every night a few years ago and was discontinued due to bullying. PKN added that cafe was stopped due to the typhoid outbreak in School. The Dames' Representative said that, with cafe being served everyday, the problem of juniors distributing cafe over long periods of time at the expense of their toys will resurface. The Secretary suggested that cafe could be supervised by housemasters or prefects. The Chairman agreed to have cafe restarted for the whole School everyday.

### **d) The MPH water cooler should be changed**

Samarth Jaiswal felt that the MPH water cooler needed to be changed. He said that the present water cooler was too low and rusted. Mr Katre said he would look into the financial aspect and a new water cooler would be installed.

### **e) Golf should be introduced as a minor sport**

Samarth Jaiswal brought to the notice of the Council that golf is being sidelined as a sport. Nikhil Narain suggested that golf should be turned into a minor sport in order to promote it and give the golfers some motivation. DKS said that as the number of students who are involved in golf presently is not substantial enough, it will not be practical to change golf into a minor sport at the moment.

### **f) School should have its own buses**

Samarth Jaiswal suggested that the School should have its own buses as the buses hired by School are sometimes in poor condition. PBR suggested that the donation of a minibus to School could be organized. Mr Katre said he would look into the financial logistics of the maintenance and upkeep of the bus and would report back to the Council in the next meeting.

### **g) There should be no homework a week before test week and trials**

Abhishek Kakkar was of the opinion that the number of activities and sports in School is one of the reasons for some students performing badly in test week and Trials. He therefore suggested that all games and activities should be

stopped a week before test week and Trials. The Secretary said that the School calendar is already packed with activities and cancelling them a week before examinations would mean not having them at all and moreover the whole purpose of a boarding school is to create a balance between academics and activities. PKN agreed and added that he will bring the matter up in the Academic Council and seek for a reduction in the number of assignments before test week and Trials to give students more time to focus on the examination.

**h) The General Store should have more variety of materials**

Shubham Aggarwal felt that there should be more variety of stationery in the General Store. PBR said that everything is available in town and students could get whatever they wanted on outings. The Secretary suggested a small sub-committee be formed to check what is there in the general store and what essentials are missing. Hence a sub-committee comprising of the following was formed and they are to report back the status of the availability of stationery in the General Store at the next Council Meeting comprising Sambuddha Naha, Karan Kairon, Amir Shah, Shashvat Dhandhanian, Abhishek Kakkar and PKN.

**i) The Scholar's Blazer scheme should have 0.5 points per test week and not 1.0 per two test week**

Shashvat Dhandhanian felt that the Scholar's Blazer scheme should be changed. He said that instead of having 1.0 point per two test week, 0.5 points could be awarded per test week as sometimes students happen to miss test week due to School trips outside School or they perform badly due to various other reasons. PKN said the matter would be discussed in the next Academic Council Meeting and he would get back to us in the next Council Meeting.

**j) Student representation in the Housemasters' Council**

The Secretary said that the transparency and efficiency of the School Council as a rule making body of the School would increase if there was some student representation in the Housemasters' Council as there are many issues which are discussed in the School council and then passed on to the Housemasters' Council for the final decision-making process and there is no student member present when the actual decision about the proposal is underway. The School Captain added that for the efficient running of a democratic decision making body in School there has to be representation of the students or on their behalf when the decision is being made. The Chairman said he would raise the issue in the next Housemasters' meeting and he would make the final decision regarding this proposal in the next Council Meeting.

Aseem Kumar  
(Secretary)

Dr Peter McLaughlin  
(Chairman)

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## Roving Eye:

### *A Close Encounter of the Socials Kind*

*Ch Ed on Socials (appropriately)*

Our excitement swelled in the delay, catalysed by our high expectations of the second Social. This time, we were to venture into the unfamiliar territory of Welham Girls' School in conspicuous white clothing. Expectedly, we were greeted with the traditional guerrilla tactics, the pelting of chalk, stones and other small projectiles. To the girls' misfortune, we were not as restrained by chivalry as they would have preferred: some of us retaliated. Fortunately, there were no injuries on either side. My spirits were dampened (rather, doused) by the remainder of the hospitalities. None of us got any leftovers of the 'apple pie' either, lest we resort to using Black Forest pastry at the next Social. This familial jest, banter and trickery resembled the pranks a bride's siblings played on the groom during and after weddings, and underscored the unique relationship the schools share.

Despite the slowness of the draw of lots and overpowering reek of hair oil (successful sabotage by the Welhamite juniors), we managed to pair up as per our preferences (or commitments). Either we dissipated into the restricted expanse of the campus or we lost control on the dance floor (while risking grave injury to our vision and hearing). Reportedly, we were hitting (on) each other so hard that there were casualties on the dance floor. But nothing could possibly subtract from our enjoyment (except, of course, an MUN conference in Calcutta, which left three of us thoroughly disappointed: all the research, cookery classes and rehearsal of a Ukrainian accent were in vain). There were other curious (and versatile) characters, such as the bodyguards, watchmen, janitors, waiters, cheerleaders, painters and journalists, but they did not get in the way of those who rambled endlessly (in pairs, of course), searching for secluded corners, benches or fountains, lost in the mystique of our brief encounter.

This mystique is perhaps a result of our prolonged isolation from girls, which leads us to mistake the most normal of friendships for potential romantic alliances. We mistake a normal, adolescent curiosity about the opposite sex for a relationship, which only begins with a bond of close friendship, deep trust and an enthusiastic exchange of letters, emails, messages and gifts. We experience an ephemeral elation, the feeling that nothing can possibly go wrong. While we do describe the evening in euphemisms, ("*Nothing* happened", "*We just* talked", "*We just* danced", "*We just* discussed Kasab's death penalty", "*I just* cracked her on the face while dancing", et cetera), we start seeing things in Technicolor, and life becomes surreal and movie-like. This, often, ends on the bitterest notes: everything implodes; we become sore, depressed and distraught. Some of us even become cynical and taciturn. Interactions with girls are not solely about relationships (unless, of course, for the gossip). Let us not exaggerate, and let us dismiss our minor heartbreaks in jest and laughter, see things in perspective, and move on with a level head.

Perhaps as a test of our levelheadedness, the evening ended before we realized it. Some of us were in the middle of deep, intimate conversations, but we were forced to leave, eventually, and we did Maslow proud as we left: our hunger overcame our wistfulness and heartbreaks. Most of us lost our appetite during the Social, as the dinner spread was restricted to fresh sandwiches, stale sandwiches (which of the two one received depended on one's luck), pastries and Coke. A dinner spread could be a more desirable option. Perhaps a banquet could be organized the next time. The budget could be worked out accordingly. The MPH could serve as the dance floor and the old basketball courts could be used for the banquet and as a seating area for the decorous. Rather than limit Socials to frenzied dancing, we could make it a better-planned party with varying entertainment, an appropriate menu, pleasing dances and more 'social' interactions.

## | Viewpoint |

# The Point Theory

Sanat Kumar Thakur

A few million years or just a couple of thousand years later you wouldn't be teleporting yourself from one place to another or living on Mars but still be on earth in India, in The Doon School in 2010 and walking reluctantly for PT or first school.

This is what I believe will be the scenario after what I call the 'rebirth of the world'. I am not arguing that the world will end in 2012, nor am I saying that there will be a global disaster in a few decades; all I am trying to put forward is the fact that life on earth is cyclical.

After infinite or an uncertain amount of time there will be another Gandhi saying exactly the same words at exactly the same moment as he said in his previous, god-knows-how-many-lives. There will be the same Modi-Tharoor scandal over IPL, with exactly the same tweets.

All I am trying to say is whatever is happening now has happened *exactly* a million times before and will happen infinite times again. It is certain that at the current rate of global warming and climate change the world is going to go through what we call the Ice Age. This would result in the death of every single organism on earth. Once every single organism on earth is wiped out, earth would be in a recovering stage through which it has undoubtedly already gone a million times. At this stage it is like rebirth of the earth. It is simply blank, empty and life would have to start all over again from various chemicals (proteins) already available on earth to combine and form RNA which will have given birth to the simplest single cell organism. Since it is a fresh start, the organism would go through the same changes. As every time earth provides a fresh beginning i.e.: the same climate, same surrounding and same factors, so every time that organism over years would evolve into few multi-cellular organisms then into plants and animals then into hominids, great apes and placental mammals and finally into humans. Since it is a completely new and fresh beginning and early humans have no other pre-knowledge they would go onto invent fire, wheel, settle, make colonies, form Europe, Asia, Americas etc. with the feeling of doing something which has not happened before. The same religions would be born again due to the same reasons and by the same people and the world would go into World War I and then to World War II. The world would see another Hitler, Martin Luther King, Gandhi et al. All in their respective eras, saying the same words and doing the same things. Then there would be another Copenhagen Summit talking about the global warming and climate change due to developing nations like India and China. Another 7/11, 26/11, Kasab, Babri Masjid demolition, Manmohan Singh with the same consequences; exactly!

I don't know why, but every time I think of this theory, I call it the 'point theory' maybe because everything started from a point and restarts from it all over again. The point theory also explains the phenomenon called déjà vu and Nostradamus's predictions.

First, let's explain déjà vu through the point theory. 'Déjà vu', also known as paramnesia, is an experience when an individual feels that he has gone through the exact same situation or a new experience previously. When a person says that he has already seen this before he is a hundred percent right as not only once but a million times has he seen the same thing before and every time he thought it was a déjà vu. Somewhere in our subconscious mind all the things that have ever happened to us are stored and we tend to recollect them when provided with similar circumstances. Although déjà vu is rare with me I have had a few experiences where I felt I had visited a place before although I knew that it was the first time I had come here (at least in this life). What I didn't realize earlier was that I had actually visited this place several times before and would have remembered it again and again.

If we are to explain Nostradamus's predictions with my point theory it is very simple. Nostradamus had already seen the world in previous lives and comparatively his subconscious brain was able to express itself more than others, making Nostradamus think that he was seeing the future whereas he was looking into the past. The idea of the entire argument would be lost if a person thinks that he can end the cyclic life of any one object. If a person says that he is going to kill a plant and defy its cycle by saying that earlier the plant would have lived its entire life but in this life I am killing it here and now, then the person is wrong as he would have actually killed that plant giving the very same argument of ending its life cycle a million times before and continue doing it a million times later.

The theory of 'open-shut' universe says that when Lord Vishnu opens his eye, it gives birth to his dream in the form of a new universe and after some time (which is a few million years) when he closes his eyes, the universe and his dream ends. Each time he opens and shuts his eyes it gives one cycle of life in a new universe. This just proves the existence of a cyclical earth and universe.

The play *Waiting for Godot* can be interpreted in a thousand ways. What I could figure out from it was the element of repetition involved in it. The same scenario and people in the same situation.

As I conclude this article, I have a strong feeling somewhere deep in my heart, that I have written the same words a million times before.

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