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MUNDAYS AT CHANDBAGH

Siddhant Sachdev reports on DSMUN, 2012 held between August 17 and 19, 2012

A world without the United Nations or a paralyzed United Nations would be a breeding ground for conflict, and unstable international relations would threaten world peace and stability. Today, we are living in a world which has actively sought to make the United Nations an effective instrument of international cooperation and at DSMUN we wish to inculcate the ethos of the UN into the participating delegates.

A simulation which began back in 2007 with few participating schools has now evolved into one of the biggest MUN conferences of the country at the school level. And after a highly efficacious conference in 2011, this year's team of students had to work extremely hard to prepare for another successful simulation of distinguished United Nations



bodies. DSMUN has become bigger, grander and better, and we hoped to take it to another level altogether. Besides the obvious excitement that lurks within the hearts of all Doscos at this time of the year- to wear carefully selected professional clothes or make new friends- what makes DSMUN unique is the passion with which everyone strives to make it a success. This year we welcomed over twenty-five schools from all across the country, the maximum our Conference has ever hosted. Regardless of the participants and organization, the committees and topics made DSMUN stand out. The topics this year (just like the committees) ranged from the highly volatile 'Iran Nuclear Crisis' to the sensitive issue of 'Abortion Laws'.

The polarizing issue of Taiwan's international status and

Post Conflict environmental management are two more simulating issues that were on the agenda of the SPECPOL and the UNEP respectively this year. The Historic Security Council delved into the conflict ridden past to debate upon the 'Opening of the second front during World War II'. The Disarmament and Social Council (DISEC) addressed the issue of Demilitarization of the LOC and prevention of conflict in the Arctic Region.

The committees themselves would have become boring, but you must account for the crises situations that were used to make committee sessions interactive- from terrorists to communists. And yes, no one will easily forget this year's HSC, for not only having Hitler present at the conference, but also because it was able to create a new dictator of Germany- Grogro. The Security Council knew exactly what it wanted and where it was leading. The Historical Security Council was en route to redefining history. The UNEP's Chairperson did not allow its committee to waver from the issue at hand. DISEC was keen in disarming the world. The HRC was certain that it had to control abortion and protect the unborn child. Well, for the SPECPOL, it craftily merged Somali Piracy and Taiwan into one issue for its delegates to handle. The GA, even though it fell short of time, did not fail to turn the tables with every new update linking arms trade, drug cartels, money laundering and India going rogue.

We all have witnessed the tremendous changes and the wave of turmoil in the Middle East and North Africa. From peaceful protests in Tunisia to extremely violent uprisings in Libya, we seem to have witnessed it all. At this DSMUN conference we hoped to keep all the other matters in mind, so that as students, we can understand the importance of these matters, which seldom get attention from the people that matter. It was, in a phrase 'Three days of collaboration, socializing and DSMUN!'



DSMUN

Siddharth Kaul and Arnav Joshi represented the School at DSMUN and won the **Best Delegate** award in the United Nations Environment Programme Committee. The Sriram School won the **Best Delegation** award and the Pinegrove School won the **Best Team in a Crisis Situation Award**. Well done!

QUIZ WIN

The School Quiz Team comprising Sanat Kumar Thakur, Ujjwal Dahuja and Jaskrit Singh participated in the **Welham Girl's Science Quiz** held at **Welham Girl's School** and **won** the competition. Congratulations!

SWIMMING SUCCESS

The School Swimming Team participated in the **5th Memorial St. George's Invitational Swimming Competiton**. In the Juniors category, the School won **Silver** in the **4 X 25 Medley Relay** and **Bronze** in the **4 X 25 Freestyle Relay**. In the Seniors category, the School won **Silver** in the **4 X 50 Freestyle Relay** and **Bronze** in the **4 X 50 Medley Relay**. In the Individual category Aditya Vikram Gupta won **Gold** in **100m Breast Stroke**. Well done all!

BADMINTON UPDATE

Abhishek Parasrampuria participated in **2nd Gujarat Open Badminton Championship** and won **Gold** in the **Under-19** category. He has been selected to represent Gujarat in the **West Zone Badminton Tournament**. Congratulations!

SOCCER UPDATE

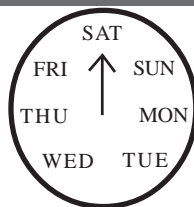
The School Soccer Team and the Mediums Team played matches against **Raja Ram Mohan Roy Academy**. The School Team **won** their match 10-0 and the Mediums Team **won** their match 7-1. Well done!

DANCE AGAIN

Following are the results of the **Inter-House Dance Competition, 2012** :-

- 1st:** Oberoi
- 2nd:** Jaipur
- 3rd:** Hyderabad and Tata
- 5th:** Kashmir

A report will run in the forthcoming issue. Congratulations!



The Week Gone By...

Vikramaditya Kapur

Apart from PT, classes and homework, it feels good to be back in school after a strenuous weekend. While some Doscos participated in the usual outings and service projects, many were participating in MUN where we finally noticed their intellectual capabilities and, more importantly, their socializing skills.

While MUN was a great success for many, it was sad to see that the work of the video club went to waste. After putting in many hours of work to finish a video for the closing ceremony, the video screening was cancelled. Although this was a setback, they will be glad to know that many of their videos were successful in entertaining the delegates over the weekend. Another let down was the lack of awards won by Doon delegates as compared to last year's clean sweep of awards across committees.

Another highlight was the drubbing that the school soccer team gave to the team from Raja Ram Mohan Roy Academy. The senior team trounced the opposition, netting the ball a whopping ten times without conceding a single goal. The junior team did not do as well though. They only saw the back of the net seven times. Lot of scope of improvement there!

And how can we forget the chocolate concoction during breakfast! We cannot thank the Mess Committee Secretary enough, can we? But I hear that he plans to roll back this addition. All we can say is- please don't.

The Inter-house Dance Competition saw a variety of dances, each with its own set of spectacular special effects and scintillating dance moves to make the performances absolutely amazing. One cannot help but marvel at the quality of the performances, especially when the boys were struggling to put in practice hours due to their packed schedules.

All in all, the week was an interesting one and now with the PTM coming up, all we need is to step back from activities, shave our beards and pray that no matter what the teachers say, our parents will still love us.

Dosco Doodle

PTM Problems

Madhav Dutt



Opinion oll

Do you know the words to our national song, *Vande Mataram* ?

Yes 29%

No 71%

(333 members of the School community were polled)

Next Week's Question: Do you think we should have PTM before Test Week?

हमारे समाज में

• अर्णव माटा

“अपनी बेटियों को क्या पहनना है, यह सिखाने से पहले अपने बेटों को संस्कार और तमीज़ सिखाओ”

भारतीय संस्कृति में हमेशा से ही स्त्री को देवी समान माना गया है। उसका सम्मान और उसकी रक्षा करना समाज का कर्तव्य माना जाता है। लेकिन आज तो कुछ अलग ही चित्र नज़र आ रहा है। आसाम में एक सत्रह साल की लड़की के साथ हुई छेड़छाड़ की भयानक घटना के बारे में तो आपने सुना ही होगा। एक सार्वजनिक स्थल पर कुछ युवकों द्वारा एक अल्पवयीन युवती के साथ खुले आम गंभीर छेड़छाड़ की गयी, उसके कपड़े उतरने की कोशिश की गयी। दर्शकों में से किसी ने भी बदमाशों को रोकने की हिम्मत नहीं दिखाए। 'न्यूज़ लाइव' नामक एक चैनल ने तो इस घटना को कैमरे में कैद करने चेष्टा भी की। पुलिस खुद घटना के स्थान पर लगभग ३० मिनट देरी से पहुँची। जब किसी समाज में ऐसी घटनाएँ होती हैं तो यकीनन मसले पर गहरे चिंतन की ज़रूरत होती है।

किसी भी संस्कृति या समाज में स्त्री का महत्व शब्दों में व्यक्त नहीं किया जा सकता। स्त्री परिवार का आधार होती है। शिशु को जन्म देने से लेकर, उसे संस्कार सिखाने और जीवन के पाठ पढ़ाकर एक परिपूर्ण व्यक्ति बनाने में एक स्त्री की भूमिका वाकई अनमोल और अदभुत है। अगर किसी भी संस्कृति के अस्तित्व के लिए ही स्त्री का इतना महत्व है, तो यह तो स्वाभाविक है कि उसे समाज की मर्यादा माना जाए, उसके साथ शिष्टता से बर्ताव किया जाए और यहाँ तक की उसके सम्मान और आबरू की रक्षा करना प्रत्येक मनुष्य का कर्तव्य समझा जाना चाहिए। मगर, आधुनिक संस्कृति में इन मूल्यों का मानों कोई महत्व ही नहीं रहा है। अपने आप को हम प्रगतिशील तो मानते हैं, लेकिन फिर ऐसा क्यों है कि आज भी अकेली महिला का रात के समय में अकेले घूमना सुरक्षित नहीं माना जाता। ऐसा क्यों है कि साल दर साल महिलाओं पर हुए अत्याचारों की घटनाएँ कम होने की बजाय बढ़ती ही जा रही हैं। ऐसा क्यों है कि अधिकतर पुरुष, यहाँ तक की नौजवान युवक, अपनी माँ को तो सम्मान देते हैं, बहन से तो प्यार करते हैं लेकिन परस्त्री को देखकर अपने मन को बुरे विचारों से नहीं बचा सकते। निश्चित ही इक्कीसवीं सदी की मनुष्यजाति के सामने खड़ी यह एक बड़ी समस्या है।

महिलाओं पर होने वाली बलात्कार और मारपीट जैसी भयानक घटनाओं से तो हम अनजान नहीं हैं। इसके अलावा भारत में ही कई क्षेत्रों में महिलाओं को उनके अधिकारों से वंचित रखे जाने की समस्या भी है। अपने समाज को हम जितना ही आधुनिक मान ले, लेकिन आज भी कई ऐसे क्षेत्र हैं जहाँ महिलाओं को अभी भी अपने खुद के निर्णय खुद लेने के अधिकार नहीं हैं। घरों

की सीमाओं में छिपे रहना और बच्चों का ध्यान रखना - इन्हीं में स्त्री का जीवन शुरू होता है और समाप्त भी हो जाता है। सबसे गंभीर बात तो यह है कि पुरुष को स्त्री से श्रेष्ठ माना जाता है और इसी लिए पत्नी से मारपीट करना और उस पर दूसरे अत्याचार करना मानों सामान्य बात मानी जाती है। आज - कल शहरों में एक और नई समस्या खड़ी हो गयी है जहाँ स्त्री पर दोहरी मार लगती है क्योंकि एक तरफ तो उसे घर के काम संभालते हुए परिवार का ध्यान रखना पड़ता है तो दूसरी तरफ घर की आर्थिक स्थिति सुधारने के लिए बाहर जा कर काम भी ढूँढना पड़ता है। अर्थात् आज समस्या केवल शारीरिक अत्याचारों की नहीं है जो फिर भी दुनिया के सामने आ जाते हैं, बल्कि समस्या स्त्रियों पर पड़ने वाले उस मानसिक दबाव की भी है जिसे स्त्रियाँ व्यक्त भी नहीं कर पाती हैं।

गहराई से व्यापक विचार करने पर यही निष्कर्ष निकलता है कि स्वतन्त्रता के पैंसठ सालों के बाद भी हम इस समस्या को सुलझा नहीं पाए हैं क्योंकि शिक्षित जनता तक ने हमेशा से ही इस मुद्दे को नज़रंदाज़ किया है। नियम और क़ानून तो बहुत हैं, पर बात तो तभी बनेगी जब समाज जागरूक होगा और भविष्य में आने वाले संकट को पहचानकर उसे रोकने के लिए कदम बढ़ाएगा। जब तक यह नहीं होता, जब तक कोई भी स्त्री अपने आप को समाज में असुरक्षित समझती है और जब तक कोई भी स्त्री स्त्री होने को दुर्भाग्य समझेगी तब तक अपने आप को समाज में असुरक्षित समझती है और जब तक कोई भी स्त्री स्त्री होने को दुर्भाग्य समझेगी तब तक हमें अपने आप को एक प्रगतिशील, आधुनिक, शिक्षित और सुसंस्कृत समाज कहने का कोई अधिकार नहीं है।

एक पल

• विहान भटनागर

पलट नहीं सकता आज कोई बीते कल को
जो है, वह बदल जाता है एक पल में,
आज - कल की बात करते रह जाएँगे
कभी कर ना पाएँगे कोई कर्म।
यह जिंदगी की अजब दौड़ है
फ़िक्र है, कहीं रह ना जाएँ पीछे,
इस कदर आगे भी ना दौड़ें
पीछे छूट गया नज़र से ओझल हो जाए।
देखो उन्हें, देखो जरा ध्यान से
जो है इतने कमजोर की उठ नहीं सकते,
उनसे बचकर न निकल जाओ तुम
चाहे वे पल हो कितने भी कठोर।
जीतोगे या हारोगे तुम
बिलकुल मायने नहीं रखता,
अंत में जब हाथ बढ़ाया था कमजोर की ओर
गिना जाएगा वही पल,
बस एक पल।

SUB-JUNIOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Armaan Imam reports on the Invitational Sub-Junior Soccer Tournament held at the beginning of the term

Soccer has always been a Dosco's favourite sport. Whether it is supporting Liverpool on the TV screen, or cheering form mates on the pitch, there is an undying love for the sport. This year the soccer season began with the Pre-Season soccer camps for the Mediums and Senior teams. Although they did not win all their matches, both the teams performed admirably, considering the fact that they were playing against the best school teams of Delhi after only a week of practice. With the hope of nurturing talent and spending time on the field, the Sub-Junior team arrived in Dehradun a week prior to the opening of School. School hosted the first ever Invitational Football Tournament for the boys of C and D Forms. Besides everything else, what was admirable was the effort everyone put in while playing soccer. Boys woke up for practice at six o'clock every morning, come hell or high water.

The first match was against Scindia School, Gwalior. The team conceded a goal early into the match but came back with a brilliant equalizer. However, this shift in momentum could not be sustained and the opposite side took full advantage of this, netting the ball two more times. The final score read a disappointing 1-3. Weak co-ordination amongst players cost the team its second match against Welham Boys. However, these early losses were not allowed to become a source of disappointment. Instead, we put our heads together and identified the loopholes in our game-play as well as trying to identify the vulnerabilities of the opposition. Thus, with renewed vigor, Doscos stepped onto the field to play Mayo Boys, Ajmer. In what proved to be an exhilarating display of defense and counter-attack, we were able to come from three goals behind and equalize the score. Although we got knocked out in the group stage, many promising individual performances were showcased. Laudable performances, indicating a bright future for the sport in School were displayed by Tushaar Sharma, Vihan Bhatnagar, Keshav Maliah, Kanav and Madhav Singhal. In a very entertaining final, Kasiga School managed to outdo RIMC on penalties, lifting the trophy.

The Sub-Junior team owes a lot to NTC, who not only coached them but also organized the entire tournament. First to be on the field and last to leave, NTC gave in all he could to make this tournament a success. Efforts like these, by students and masters alike, will only make the team better. This competition was meant to give the Sub-Juniors a taste of what Inter-School competitions are all about. The same teams will then grow into competent, experienced sides and a handful for any opposition.

VANDE MATARAM REVISITED

Priyanka Bhattachryya comments on the School Choir and Orchestra's rendition of the National Song

If you missed hearing our School Choir and Orchestra render Vande Mataram on Independence Day, you missed a lot. It has been uploaded on You Tube, at the suggestion of the Chief Guest, so you can hear it, like I have been, over and over again, but of course, a live concert has an elusive quality that is near-impossible to capture on camera. I am a loyal fan of the School Choir, and have rarely missed their special performances, if ever, and I should like to believe that their interpretation of this lesser-known version of Vande Mataram is one of their best! Not only did the boys and girls sing like angels (not that I have heard angels singing), the accompanists were superb as well. We had boys playing unusual percussion instruments like the *ghatam* and the *djembe* adding a very dramatic quality to the experience. The expanded orchestra included some upbeat playing on the guitars, and the amplified sound did full justice to the normally-unheard mandolin and santoor. This, with the well-layered arrangement provided a rich texture and tone colour. Suyash Raj Shivam's soaring solo lines, with a finely-harmonised choral accompaniment will ring in my ears for a long time. Unfortunately, it does not emerge as spectacularly on the uploaded version, as it sounded that day. To quote Wordsworth, "The music in my heart I bore/Long after it was heard no more."

I can only imagine the labour that must have gone into it, both from the teachers' and from the students' end. The music faculty—PCH, ABC, PRY and ARK—must be thanked for such an exceptionally well balanced and sensitive arrangement. Then there was PCH, conducting the performance with her usual élan. Her green and orange *dupatta* has made its striking debut on You Tube! So, take a bow, everyone who was part of this wonderful moment in the life of the school. I had a lump in my throat for a long time... and You Tube or not, it shall be stored in My Tube in my head for posterity.

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