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Succeeded...Finally

The Doon School Weekly interviewed Sahir Chaudhary, the newly elected School Captain.

The Doon School Weekly (DSW): What is your opinion of the different aspects of a Doscoc life such as academics, sports and the various activities that take place in School?

Sahir Chaudhary (SAC): I think our parents have sent us here to become individuals who can manage many things at once, rather than individuals who are accomplished only in studies, or sports, or activities. This institution aims to bring out the best in us in various fields, so that we become all-round personalities. When you learn to strive, you realize that you have the potential to excel at much more and have the ability to handle a



lot more than you could have bargained for. It will go a long way in arming you for the future. Personally, I feel that academics should be pursued as top priority because in today's world of specialization, one really does need to have a strong grasp over their areas of academic interest apart from accomplishments in sports and extra-curricular activities.

DSW : Considering the School Captain is the most influential senior, how do you plan to serve as an idol for juniors?

SAC: I haven't really thought about it completely, but being an influential senior is not my only job. I'll still be doing the same things that I have been doing since my junior forms. I'll be talking to the juniors a lot more, trying to understand how they feel, and about the things they experience in School. However, the Prefectorial Body will be a great help to me. Since they will be most approachable as far as boys of their own houses are concerned, it is only natural that instead of me, the juniors will go to them for help and advice. Keeping that in mind, I will try my best to continue doing things that I

have done as well as trying out new things. At the same time, the Prefectorial Body will wield a much larger influence.

DSW: In your opinion, which School Captain would you say truly upheld the name of the School and the values it stands for?

SAC: I think it would be Yuv Vir Khosla. He really was an icon for the juniors and seniors alike. He was a constant source of inspiration because he knew when to put his foot down and when to allow people to do what they wanted to do. To this date, I've been inspired by him and plan to adopt some of his leadership techniques while executing my duties.

DSW: What are some of the things you would want to change in School?

SAC: One of the many things that I want to change in school is the way some Doscoc represent school when they go out for various trips. People often perceive us as arrogant boys who have their own coterie of Doscoc friends. Unfortunately, there is no smoke without fire. Whenever the juniors and seniors go out of school, it is totally upon them whether to talk to other people without being haughty or selective or not. There are times when I have seen Doscoc at the heights of their folly by acting incredibly preposterous, and at the same time derogating the School. There is a fine line between amusement and tomfoolery. Therefore, such poor actions of ours often tend to spoil the name of our institution and invariably prove that unless we behave better, we are not worthy of being Doscoc.

DSW: Why do you think the School chose you as the School Captain over others?

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Regulars

Music Appointments

The following appointments have been made to the Music Department for the Year 2015:

School Music Captain and Popular Band Leader: Rishabh Agarwal

School Orchestra Leader: Shourya Kishorepuriya

School Dance Captain: Archit Barthwal

Secretary of the School Music Society: Vallavi Shukla

School Percussion Leader: Anant Mohan

School Choir Leader: Siddhant Gupta

Trinity Boy-in-Charge: Madhav Goel

We wish them a fruitful tenure!

Captaincies '15

The following have been appointed as **Captains** of various sports for the year **2015**:

Cricket: Akhil Ranjan

Hockey: Naadir Singh

Football: Kartikay Garg

Athletics: Kartikeya Kardam

Badminton: Akarsh Tibrewal

Tennis: Rohan Chaudhari

Table Tennis: Chaitanya Agarwal

Swimming: Arunabh Uttkarsh

Boxing: Ruhaan Dev Tyagi

Basketball: Nachiket Jain

Senior PT Leader: Vedant Agarwal

Congratulations!

Appointments

The following have been appointed as **Boys-in-Charge** of various **STAs, SUPWs, and Societies** for the year **2015**:

IAYP: Pranav Kothiwal

Round Square Club: Amal Agarwal

English Public Speaking: Rishabh Badhwar

Motor Mechanics: Agastya Shetty

Business Club: Parth Khanna

Stage Committee: Sabir Singh

Historical Circle: Naadir Singh

Cycling: Vedant Agrawal

Social Service: Nikunj Agrawal and Yash Dhandhania

We wish them a fruitful tenure!

Runs and Yorkers

The **School Senior and Medium Cricket Teams** played friendly fixtures against **RIMC, Dehradun** on the **February 9, 2015** and won their respective matches.

Well done!

Squash Nationals

Ishita Bharadwaj and Mayank Sojatiya represented Uttarakhand at the **35th National Games** held in **Trivandrum, Kerala**. Ishita Bhardwaj reached the 3rd round in women's category while Mayank Sojatia reached the 2nd round in men's category.

Well done!

Sharpshooters

Samarjit Singh, Akshat Jha and Rishabh Badhwar represented Uttarakhand at the **58th National Shooting Championship** held at **Pune**. Akshat Jha scored **514/600** in the **10m Air Pistol** event. Rishabh Badhwar was awarded the title of **'Renowned Shot'** for the second consecutive time. Samarjit Singh won **4 medals** with **3 Silvers** and a **Bronze**. He has been selected to represent Uttarakhand at the ongoing **35th National Games** being held in **Kerala**. Congratulations!

The Circle

Dhruv Johri and Arnav Jain have been appointed the **Editor-in-Chief** and **Chief-of-Production** of **The Circle** respectively. Congratulations!

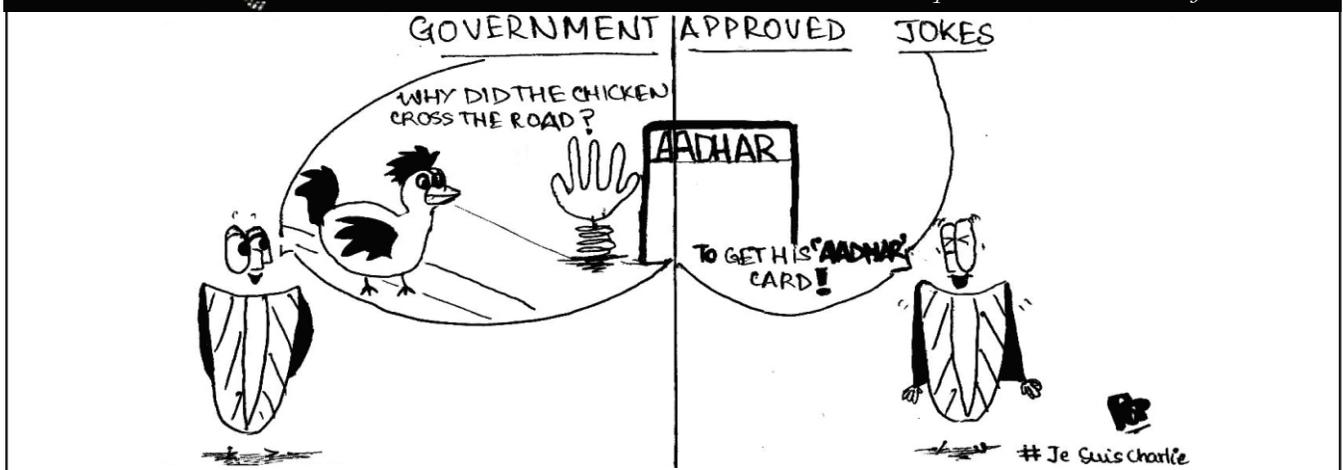
AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 WORDS

Arvind Kejriwal has swept the BJP and Congress out of Delhi by winning a staggering 67 Assembly Seats! Malaysian opposition leader, Anwar Ibrahim has received a prison sentence after being convicted of sodomy. As unrest continues in Yemen, British and French Embassies in Sana'a have suspended operations. The Ukrainian crisis is likely to be resolved at the coming Minsk Multilateral Summit. The Patna High Court has declared Nitish Kumar's appointment as the JD (U) Legislative Party Leader to be unconstitutional.

Dosco Doodle

Government Approved Jokes

Anirudh Popli and Samarth Makbija



Resurgence of the Aam Aadmi

Pulkit Agarwal comments on the circumstances that led the AAP to its recent victory in Delhi.

Citizens of Delhi poured out on the streets like never before, jubilant, revelling in the victory of the common man last Tuesday. The national capital seemed to have found a voice, the kind that it had been deprived of for the past year. It was exactly a year ago, to the very day, that AK-49 had exhausted itself. Skeptics feared that the AAP would never find its way back through the gates of *durbari dilli*, and yet, here we are, welcoming them back to governance, with the kind of majority that no one has enjoyed before.

Be it Rajiv Gandhi's mammoth victory in the 1984 elections, which was largely attributed to a sympathy wave that swept across the nation, or Modi's juggernaut in 2014 that saw the saffron surge in almost all corners of India, none can come close to what the AAP has accomplished in Delhi this week. One might argue that the reason for this is that this election was provincial, comprising an electorate that is much smaller in magnitude than the one that voted Mr. Gandhi and Mr. Modi into power. However, in many ways, the struggles of Delhi mirror that of the larger Indian populace.

The inequality seen by the startling juxtaposition of Chandini Chowk against Chankyapuri is representative of a pervasive, deeply embedded trend in Indian society. Indeed then, the elite voter from Delhi might not vote along the same lines as the *autowala*, but that is precisely where the AAP has found its victory: it has transcended the

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Who would have thought, that just eight months after the NaMo wave, a greater tsunami was in order? Who would have foreseen 67 seats for the AAP in the very state that it drew a blank in the Lok Sabha elections? From the grit and determination of our favourite *aam aadmi*, it is evident that Mr Kejriwal certainly did. What it has resulted in is an election that will go down in History as an acceptance of a new “brand” of politics. And the fact that it has gripped the national capital before any other state will ensure that it is not pushed to the fringe of our political understanding.

” There are many take-aways from this rather dramatic election that deserve to reach their most penetrating analyses. To begin with, the stark contrast of Modi's “*10 lakh ka sui*” with Kejriwal's timeless muffler-man outlook; while the former was construed, and rightly so, as a sign of utter arrogance, the latter has emerged as a political motif in the last twelve months, symbolizing everything that the common man holds dear. It has certainly put the BJP think-tanks into motion, for it is this very arrogance that they had doggedly opposed in their rather flamboyant campaign in the previous General Elections. But to fall into the same trap as the Congress had, in the face of an opposition that is careful in ensuring that its simpleton image is forever preserved, might cause them to pay dearly in the near future.

Furthermore, it has become increasingly clear that the Indian voter is not as easily swayed by rhetoric as Mr Modi. may have been led to assume. He must now understand that his energetic, passionate speeches actually had little to do with his earlier victories, which were instead the result of his promise of governance. If one were to be dreadfully candid, then the new government has actually been able to accomplish very little since it has assumed office, apart from welcoming heads-of-state frequently into the halls of Delhi, and ensuring that the Prime Minister's travel itineraries are perpetually packed. The 'common people' have had little to celebrate since last summer, and that will need to change quickly if Mr. Modi wants to hold on to his support.

Also, very importantly, the communal undertones that underscore most Indian elections have been asked to take a back-seat. Mr. Kejriwal was quick to decline support offered to him by the Shahi Imam in Delhi, which is a positive sign of his reluctance to enter the mud of communally fractured politics. Very often parties like the Congress have resorted to such strategies, in order to counter the BJP. But as has been proven by the AAP, the BJP can be beaten without having to appeal to certain community leaders, in order to counter Hindu-nationalism with competitive communalism.

All that remains is for us to see if Mr Kejriwal sticks to his seat, or runs away to another part of India, satiating his lust for power. If his short stay at Varanasi is any lesson to go by, he would have learned that his “brand” of politics might not be ready to break the caste and communal divides of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar just yet. It is my fervent hope that he governs Delhi, and only Delhi for the coming five years, ensuring that the nation sees what he is capable of. Electioneering is, after all, very different from governance.

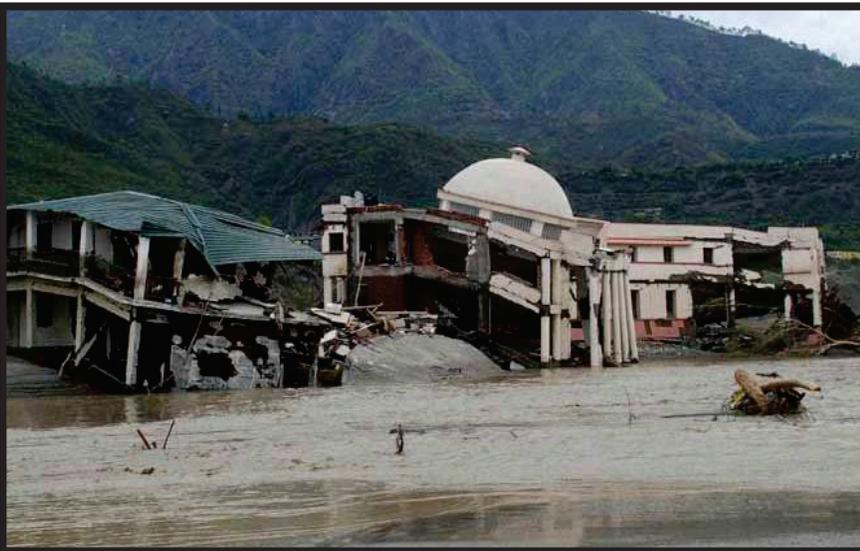


RSIS: Rudraprayag

Ananya Shukla

On the 30th of November, twenty-three delegates from 5 different Round Square schools arrived at The Doon School for the Round Square International Service Project at Rudraprayag, which is located near the Chaka Village, 3 km ahead of Tilwara. Doon was represented by Anandita Luther, JTR, IDS, MCJ, KCM, AKS and myself. The project's first day began with an exhausting nine hour long journey from The Doon School to Chaka. On our way we were able to soak in the sight of temperate and deciduous forests that flanked the road leading us into the hills. Also, we were fortunate enough to pass through Devprayag, the point of confluence of the Alakananda and Bhagirathi Rivers.

On our arrival at Chaka, we received a warm welcome from the villagers and were promptly escorted to dinner, and subsequently our beds. The next day began with the allotment of participants into three separate construction teams. We were then escorted to the site where the school's structure was to be built. The impact of the flash flood of 2013 was truly heartbreaking to observe. Some participants were nearly in tears after an interaction with the locals, learning about the misery that nature had inflicted upon them. Even more petrifying was the fact that the entire school had been washed away. The school's administrator – Mr. Om Prakash, was forced to operate the school under a tin shed with a reduced staff of four teachers. Prior to our arrival, the school had not received any aid or compensation for losses. Nonetheless, his efforts to continue primary education in the village were commendable. Above all, the children, without any kind of privileges were enthusiastically attending the classes being held either in open air or under tin sheds. The delegates were deeply touched with such selfless service and were determined to contribute to this



selfless service by doing all kinds of work that was productive and contributed towards the resurrection of the school.

One group was taken to the school and assigned the responsibility of teaching the children for the whole day. The second group was assigned the job of making concrete blocks to be used in the construction of the school building. The third group was taken to the site where the school building was supposed to be built. The children leveled the ground by removing the stones and utilizing them for constructing a wall at

another site. It was strenuous work for those of us who were not used to any kind of hardships. It was indeed an experience for us to learn life skills by way of alleviating other people's troubles so as to become better human beings.

One of the activities we undertook as part of our service project was a trek to Tungnath to visit the historic Tungnath Temple. It was a 4 km trek and it took three hours to reach the temple. The temple was one to behold. Facing the temple was the snow capped Chaukhamba Peak. Thirteen delegates trekked another 2 km to Chandrashila Peak which is approximately 13,000 feet above sea level. The delegates experienced a sense of achievement when they reached the set point after trekking through such a difficult terrain.

Next day the delegates started their trek to Deoriatal from Chopta. It was a steep trek of 3.2 km. Deoriatal is an emerald lake nestled amidst lush green fields surrounded by dense forests. The crystalline waters offers a spell binding image of the majestic Chaukhambha Peak. From Deoriatal we proceeded to Ukhimath, a seat of "Panchkedar". We were fortunate to receive blessings from Lord Kedar who is brought down from Kedarnath to Ukhimath during winters. Ukhimath is also called the 'Second Kedar'. We also received blessings from the 'Third Kedar', Lord Madhyamaheswar at Ukhimath.

The last three days were spent at the construction site. One could see the delight on the faces of the delegates as they saw the school building take shape. Their hard work was going to bear fruit within 6 to 8 months.

On the last day we bid adieu to the children at school and also to each other. Parting was not so easy as we had been living like family for the past 12 days. But we left with the hope that the children of the remote area of Tilwara would be able to continue their education at the 'Taxila Public School' and that by our efforts we were able to create a small ripple in their lives. We hope to see them all again one day.

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SAC: I think they elected me over others in my form because I've made a conscious effort, throughout my School tenure to remain resolute. I also feel that I have displayed a sense of fidelity, as I've always worked hard in the areas where my interests lie.

DSW: What do you feel about the legislative bodies in School?

SAC: I think the legislative bodies are carrying out their duties well enough, but they need more voice. The House Council focuses on more indigenous matters. Moreover, sometimes issues discussed in the School Council fail to reach out to the entire community, which defeats the very purpose of such a council. Thus, when it comes to legislative bodies, I feel there is an urgent need for better communication between members of councils and the rest of the School community.

| Poetry |

The Betrayal

Advitya Goyal

There I was, as still, as subtle
as a sloth hugging a tree.
How could he have done such a thing to me?

I didn't say anything,
nor made any gestures,
for I lay dead,
with blood all around me.

Had I taken the opportunity,
that night in the cave itself,
It could have been him,
in his inevitable shelf.

But whenever I think,
if I could have survived with the guilt
I get from killing him,
The Devil smiles
and passes a nasty wink.

Over a moment that I captured,
He felt me helpless. And my veins?
Ruptured!

The fiend over my left shoulder,
trying to convince me,
That he was nothing,
but a boulder.

Holding me down,
pulling me back,
I could not move ahead
Nor retrace my track.

I should've realized,
That he was as worthless a friend
As lead to wood.
This takes me back to the first question
"Could he have done it?"
He could.

| Junior Poetry |

Disobedience

Zoraver Mehta

Defiance was in the air,
As they walked deeper into that dragon's lair,
They had suffered from hot and cold
And did against what she had told.

Many Everests had been climbed,
Great poems had been rhymed,
But they did against what she told
Their own lives they had sold.

They stood there-
With their vision blurred by greed,
Upon which their empty souls were set to feed,
Their eyes, dark and cold,
They did against what she had told.

Defiance was in the air,
But they did not seem to care,
As they watched their lives unfold,
Because they did against what she had told.

HMUN: Boston Blues

Azan Brar

Each year a group of Doscos embark on a journey to Boston to attend the prestigious Harvard MUN. And each year, they have different stories to tell. However, this year we have no stories to tell. Instead, we share an experience that will remain etched in our memories forever. Thirteen Doscos left for Boston, geared for what promised to be a most stimulating conference. We had the privilege of visiting Harvard University before the conference itself. Visiting various sites around the campus gave us a true sense of the essence of the conference.

The first wave of committee sessions were rather astonishing. It was fairly difficult for our Munnners to adapt to the American style of Munning, where caucuses take a back seat and lobbying is given unprecedented importance. In the days to come we realized that winning in such committees would not be easy. In spite of this, various delegates tried their level best and ultimately Devansh Agarwal, who was part of the Economic and Financial Committee received an Honourable Mention. Even though the delegation was not able to make the most of committee, itself we were able to absorb large portions of the American culture. This included walking down a breathtakingly well lit Times Square and Wall Street, and also visiting the UN Headquarters. Little did we realize that our trip was drawing to an end and before we knew it our bags were packed yet again. To paraphrase John Denver, even though we weren't ready to go, it was time we left on our jet plane.



The Week Gone By

Rishabh Agarwal

This week has seen Doscos on the main field before the sun, strolling, running or otherwise rolling on to their respective squads, clinging to themselves while the basketball players have already been sweating themselves exercising the much loathed pavilion steps. The 'twenty one guns' have returned with 'hot-chocolate bellies' and have assumed office after a lively initiation. Also, the sports and activities' captains have been announced and various posters have been handed down, with yet another name signed on them, another legacy to be remembered.

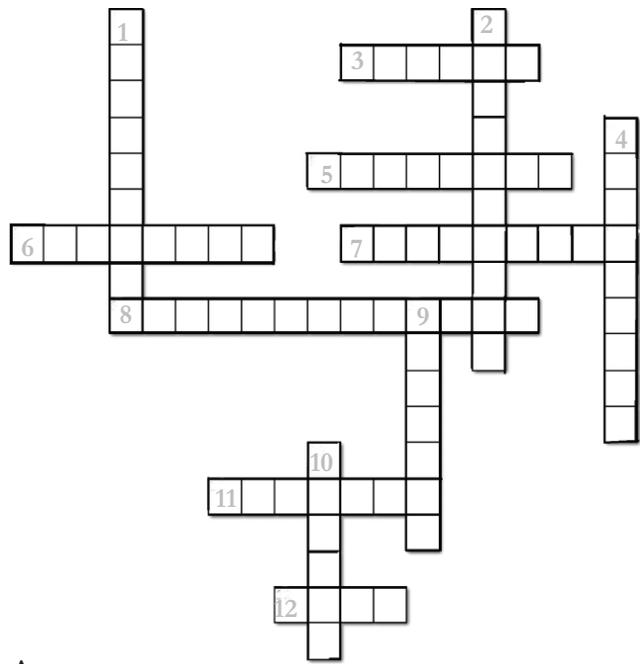
Out on the field, the seniors' cricket competition is fast approaching and practices are in 'good swing'. Cricket is one of those sports that is the hallmark of a public school, and the Doscos can be seen practicing religiously in their gleaming whites. Also visible on the sidelines are those in their shorts, working silently to shape the school team for the forthcoming hockey season. With practices starting so early this time, we all hope that this year, the players set a new benchmark of skill, ability and competence.

Moving on to the other half of the day, the SC's are really taking a hit with the sudden overload of information and assignments, and have been scared into taking things seriously in terms of their level of preparedness regarding colleges. While the AT's and SCE's enjoy cappuccinos and sandwiches as their preliminary trials come to a close, many also await their acceptance letters. IB registration has become the singular goal for the passing out batch, while the current one enjoys the rigors of reflective thinking.

The various councils in our school have new representatives and have elected their various heads, keeping up the spirit of democracy. There have been some interesting results from the elections: in those various councils as well as outside the walls of Chandbagh.

It looks like a great start to this academic year and also the beginning of the end for the SC form. The SCE's will have their special farewell in a few weeks and to make a special one, the musicians have already started preparing for a memorable send off.

The Cruciverbalist's Corner



Across

3. separate value from worthless parts
5. think deeply
6. navigate or trade along the coast
7. threaten with divine punishment; curse
8. kept secret because it would not be approved of.
11. abounding in thought, matter or words
12. over supply

Down

1. sour in taste
2. talkative
4. compensate for loss
9. a street with only one way out
10. mist; drizzle

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

Across

3. Tenacious
9. Narcissist
11. Ecstatic
12. Tenuous

Down

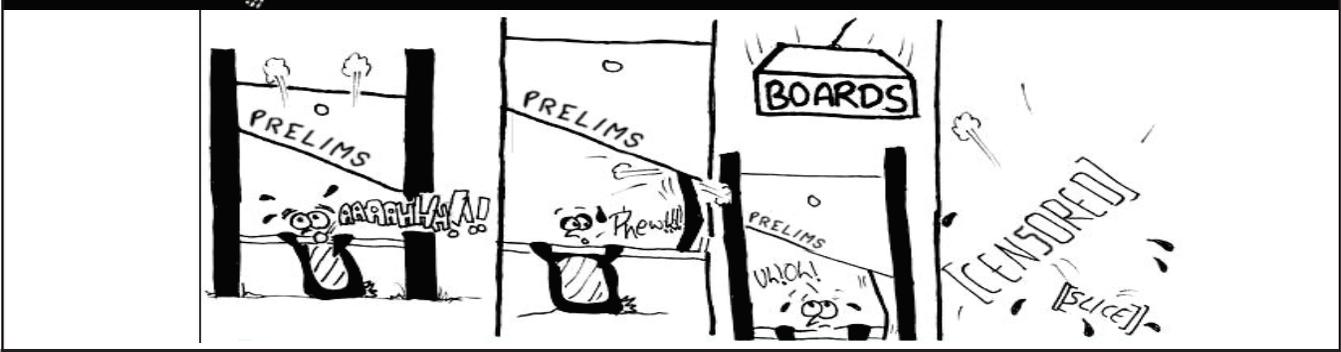
1. Desiderium
2. Dapper
4. Taradiddle
5. Reminiscent
6. Scrumptious
7. Controversy
8. Tribulation
10. Miscellaneous

Source: <http://worksheets.theteacherscorner.net/make-your-own/crossword/>

Dosco Doodle

The (I)nescapable (C)razy (S)tudy (E)pidemic

Dhruv Pais



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