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## Bernie Sanders: Feel the Bern

**Arjun Singh** reviews *Bernie Sanders as a candidate for the US Presidential Elections.*

A few weeks ago, I reported on the American Presidential campaign of Donald Trump- a candidate with views so “extreme, radical and preposterous” yet nonetheless successful. This candidate's campaign boasted bold rhetoric; eager to capture the minds of average Americans who've lost faith in their political system. Today – a fiery orator with an unprecedented strategy. The contrast, however, lies with the content: this candidate being the polar opposite of Trump's right-wing political phenomenon.

At seventy-four years old; a grandfather and not-so-sizzling Senator, American statesman Bernie Sanders has begun his maiden attempt for the American Presidency. A self-identified socialist, he is one of the few prominent 'Independents' of politics that has chosen to run (albeit for the Democratic Party's nomination). Like Donald Trump's, his campaign departs from the usual moderate stance that other contenders have taken this election. However, while Trump derives his gains from demagoguery, Bernie has managed to build genuine support-base for his campaign; a surge from his previous 'underdog' status. Also differing from Trump, his campaign is one of principle, combining both a fiery tone with radical yet rational rhetoric - one appealing to the interests of working-class Americans. Though gradual, the results have now come to fruition with his campaign attaining a glaring momentum.

At the cornerstone of Bernie's campaign is fierce criticism of America's income inequalities. Having always been a contentious issue, this tremendous inequality has reached extreme levels in the aftermath of a recent global recession- consequently becoming a key issue this election cycle. Bernie has directly attacked America's elite class i.e. 'big banks' and corporations houses as being the root cause of this inequality, whose reckless and selfish financial activity increased their wealth over years at the cost of working-class wages. In view of this, he advocates for an increased minimum wage corporate taxation, along with proposing to “break-up the big banks” which received government bailouts during the recession. With great boldness, he ardently claims that a bank “too big to fail is too big to exist.” Additionally (and radically), he has promised a complete overhaul of political campaign finance laws, again targeting the elite for their massive influence over Washington's policymakers who currently receive astronomical sums as donations through super PACs (or Political Action Committees, which perform spending for campaigns) for future favours. In a remarkable step, Bernie remains the only candidate this election who is 'not for sale' (his witty tagline) in refusing to solicit PAC donations, instead calling for a constitutional amendment to overturn the Supreme Court's legalization of them. On the environment, Bernie is a firm proponent of regulations to check Global Warming (which some candidates have completely denied) along with increased carbon taxes. The remainder of his core positions are liberal in scope: pro-LGBT rights, anti-free trade, a reduction in military spending and greater measures to check racial discrimination – specifically against African-Americans.

With these positions, Bernie's campaign has appealed directly to the problems currently faced by the majority of Americans – crafting a boldly socialistic campaign that departs from the traditional brand of politics (increasingly identified with inaction and gridlock). To this end, he remains the candidate to have formed the strongest connection with voters, in so far that he too hails from a working-class family, where harsh conditions and compromise were borne in an effort to make ends meet. These tough conditions currently prevail upon America's majority – where poverty, unemployment, civil rights issues and financial hardship have marred the status quo. Amongst the equivocal and affluent array of candidates, Bernie has vociferously made both sensible promises and rational criticism, presenting himself as an honest, principled individual ready to uphold his word, which I might add, has been consistent throughout his 33-year political career. More important, however, is Bernie's humility, an attribute that has earned him repeated applause. Till

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## Regulars

*"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door."*

*-Milton Berle*

### Badminton

The School Badminton Team participated in the **Dehradun District Tournament** held from **September 22 to September 29**. The following are the results:

**Doubles:**

In the **Under 17 category**, Jehan Jhaveri and Atreya Guruprasad were the **runners up**.

In the **Under 19 category**, Vansh Agarwal and Akarsh Tibrewal were the **runners up**.

**Singles:**

Jehan Jhaveri reached the semi-finals in the **Under 17 and 19 categories**. He was selected to represent the **Dehradun District** at the **Uttarakhand Badminton State tournament**.

For the first time, a girls' team from the Doon School also participated in the tournament and **won** their first round matches.

Congratulations!

### Tennis

The Doon School participated in the **All India IPSC Tennis Championship, 2015** held from **September 30 to October 2** at the **Delhi Public School, R.K. Puram, New Delhi**. The **Under 17** team comprising Viksit Verma, Rishank Kala, and Harshit Bansal won a gold in the category. The **Under 14** team comprising: Yash Nagdev, Karthik Subbiah and Zuber Singh Chawla won the **bronze medal**.

In the **Under 17** individual event, Viksit Verma **won a bronze medal**.

Kudos!

### Table Tennis

The Doon School participated in the **All India IPSC Table Tennis Championship, 2015** held from **September 30 to October 2** at the **Delhi Public School, R.K. Puram, New Delhi**. The **Under 14** team reached the **quarter finals**. The **Under 17** team comprising Ishan Jhawar, Anuman Goel, Arunav Vaish, Shreshth Mehra and Raghav Saboo, **won the silver medal**. The **Under 19** team comprising Chaitanya Agarwal, Kanav Agarwal, Vineet Puri, Nachiket Jain and Krishna Goel, also **won the silver medal**.

In the **Under 17** individual event, Ishan Jhawar **won a bronze medal**. Ishan Jhawar, Vineet Puri and Chaitanya Agarwal have been selected to represent **IPSC** at the **Nationals**.

Kudos!

### Chess

The Doon School participated in the **All India IPSC Chess Championship, 2015** held from **September 30 to October 2** at the **Delhi Public School, R.K. Puram, New Delhi**. The **Under 14** and **Under 19** Teams stood fourth in their respective categories. The **Under 17** team comprising Raghav Bagri, Anuman Goel, Akshat Jha and Shreshth Mehra **won the gold medal**.

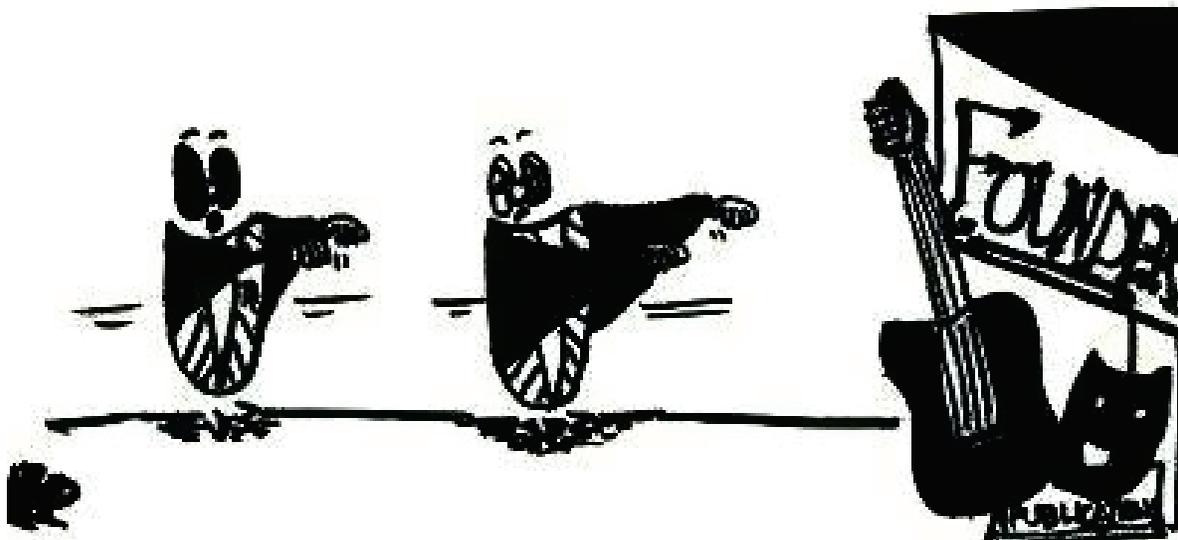
In the individual event, Arnav D. Jain **won a bronze medal** in the **Under 14** category, while Raghav Bagri **won the gold medal** in the **Under 17** category. Raghav Bagri also **won the 'Best Chess Player of the Tournament'** title. Raghav Bagri and Arnav D. Jain have been selected to represent **IPSC** at the **Nationals**.

Congratulations!

**Dosco Doodle**

**The Final Stretch**

*Anirudh Popli*



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date, he has refused to engage in 'negative campaigning' through televised 'attack-ads' and personal criticism; focusing only on "the issues that matter." Though unorthodox, this uniquely anti-establishment stance has been well received across the spectrum of political opinion: instilling in them a genuine feeling of 'change' that the Bernie campaign emanates.

However, in spite of a bold and rational campaign, Bernie gains have been limited. Apart from his momentary position of being frontrunner for the Democrats, he has slipped back into second –position of the party's approval polls, trailing the moderate favourite Hillary Clinton by almost ten-points; her fame and already established reputation being the cause of this. Additionally, his decision not to employ a super-PAC (nonetheless noble) has severely strained his campaign resources – resulting in him being heavily outspent by competitors at important primary events. Moreover, many doubt the prospects of Bernie's campaign's success due to his criticism of America's elite, giving into the subterranean belief that the latter virtually control the political system; any opposition being suicidal. Initially, even Bernie himself had doubted his campaign's prospects. Though he's since abandoned this position, some still see his campaign as more of a 'statement' than one for success.

However, to dismiss the Bernie campaign in haste would be quite naïve and short-sighted. The fact that he has consistently maintained a top poll position with such a controversial campaign is not only commendable, but further points towards the electorate's rising subscription to his views. Nonetheless, with the election not for another year, it remains for us to anticipate whether this budding 'political revolution' comes to fruition; the election then becoming triumph for the change that America currently needs – a change that Bernie can surely deliver.

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## A Walk in the Woods

Kushagra Kar

A drop of blood rolls down my cheek. I glance around, fully taking in every inch of the swamp. I was walking through this area in search of a monster which had been terrorizing the nearby village. I followed its trail into the swamp and was soon greeted by a swarm of small impish creatures. This may sound like a joke but it is this mindset that gets their victims killed. I sheathed my sword and relaxed a bit. I knew that I was not far and so I had to stay on high alert. I pulled out a healing potion and drank it like water. I began moving onwards.

The trail was starting to get cold and the Sun was beginning to dip below the mountains. Whatever awaited me at the end of the trail was bound to be dangerous, and I wasn't keen on facing it in the dark. The swamp was littered with human corpses, monsters and non-humans alike. Such a thing would be normal if a war was being waged, but the last war that had been fought was years ago: when the Southern Empire attempted to invade the North but failed, and, as a result, collapsed. These corpses were fresh and seemed to be mutilated by what appeared to be the work of horns. As I continued, I noticed that some of the trees around me were split in half while others were completely uprooted. I was getting close.

I could see a cave around which I noticed strange markings. I began moving towards the cave but as soon as I reached the entrance I was sent flying back by a pillar of fire. Dazed, I quickly reached for my bag and took out two vials: each containing a different concoction. One enabled me to see in the dark, while the other gave me enhanced speed and superhuman senses. I knew that each vial would only last for twenty minutes, and they were the last ones in my stock. I had to be quick. I saw a man in robes looming over me. Time slowed, and I fully analyzed the man who stood above me. He was old and seemed to be hunched over. He would not be fast and could be easy to take down from afar. His staff was topped with an emerald orb. He was a magician, and would be nearly impossible to hide from. His unnatural size for a man that old told me that he would be strong, and could definitely pack a punch. I quickly cast a spell to shield myself and rolled out of the way just as he disintegrated the ground on which I had been a moment ago. I quickly got up, and while doing so picked up some sand. I ducked as a ball of fire whizzed over my head and threw the sand into his eyes. He shielded himself with a hand and I used the time to retreat a few paces. When he turned to face me I let out a powerful telekinetic blast. He stumbled backwards and I shot his foot with my crossbow. He lost his concentration as the pain in his leg began to spread. I lunged forward and cut his staff into two with my sword. I knocked him out with the hilt of my sword and then looked at the cave.

I walked up to and stood outside it. I tossed a grenade into the cave, it was time. A loud roar tore through the swamp and the ground under me trembled as the beast arose. I took my stance and stared at the darkness, awaiting my foe. I felt the warm breath of a colossal creature hit me and I let slip the faintest smile.

## Ruinsara Tal

Tushaar Sharma (S-Form)

On the 29th of September our party comprising 5 members led by Tushaar Sharma left for Taluka in Uttaranchal by tempo. The journey was about 9 hours long. We decided to spend the first night at a rest house in the village from where we would begin a 64 km long trek to Ruinsara Tal situated at 15,000 feet. We set out for the 18 km trek to Debasu Thatch at 7 in the morning after hiring a local guide and two 'kaatcharrs'. The path we



took was along a tributary of the Yamuna: needless to say that it was a scenic trek. After being on the move for almost 10 hours we finally reached the meadows of Debasu Thatch where we were meant to pitch our tents for the night. The whole idea of cooking our own food and lighting a fire seemed alien to us at first, but we coped rather well without burning our food or the tents down! The next day began our 14km trek at sunrise to Ruinsara Tal. As we got closer to the tal, the scenery started looking like something from a postcard. The 14km long trek to the top was completed by 3 in the afternoon in spite of us taking the wrong route which would have led us right up to the glacier, which happened to be the source of a tributary of the

Yamuna. On reaching, we learned that the 'tal' was in fact sacred to the people of Harki Dun. The obligatory Dosco photo session followed. The setting of Ruinsara was incredibly picturesque with the lake in the middle along with snowcapped mountains and a glacier surrounding it in the backdrop. As the night set in, the temperatures dropped. Significantly, we made it through the night! The next morning we decided to complete the 32 km downhill trek in a day. Our guide was hesitant at first and so were we, but we put in all we had and completed the task with much ease. The villagers of the Taluka were awestruck after learning that we had completed the trek in two and a half days. Our last night was spent in Purola, a small city on the way to Dehradun. The next morning we embarked on our journey home. It was truly an experience that the five of us enjoyed to the fullest, and one that we will cherish for a very long time!

## Madhya Pradesh

Harrsh Dewan (B-Form)

This term, B-form had its' historical mid-terms, and I was fortunate enough to get the opportunity to go to Madhya Pradesh, one of the most historically and culturally significant states in India. During our trip, we visited various cities such as Bhopal, Ujjain, Mandu, Indore, Sanchi and Bhojpur.

On our first day in Indore, we saw the breathtaking 'Rajwada', a city palace which displayed a blend of many architectural styles. The sheer grandeur and height of the palatial structure had in no way been diminished by its age. We then arrived at the astounding 'Kanch Mandir', a Jain temple, the interior of which is made purely out of colored glass. It was a breathtaking sight that left many in awe.

We then moved on to Mandu, a ruined city famous for its many palaces and splendid architecture, where we explored the eternally beautiful ruins of the 'Jahaz Mahal', and 'Hindola Mahal'. We were given solid proof how advanced the Mughal's ideas were and how well they designed everything, right down to their famed water transportation systems.

One of the most important places to visit when one comes to such a state is the 'Sanchi Stupa'. Despite having been buried for so long, one could still clearly see the Buddhist vihara standing in all its former glory.

In Ujjain, where temples form the cultural heart of the city, we witnessed the Shree Mahakaleshwar Temple, said to be one of the 12 Jyotirlingas of India. We also visited the rock shelters of Bhimbetka, where many prehistoric cave paintings could be seen, and various museums that provided us with a lot of information on the culture and customs of the tribal people of the state.

These Mid-terms taught us a lot about the cultural richness of our country. Though not physically challenging, they imparted a lot of valuable lessons, and I can say with certainty that all the moments that we have shared will stay with us forever.

# The Veteran Magnate

*The Doon School Weekly interviewed Mr. Dhruv Sawhney (ex 37-K, '61), who recently visited School.*

**The Doon School Weekly (DSW): Please tell us a bit about yourself and about your career.**

**Dhruv M. Sawhney (DMS):** As you know, I was a student of the Doon School and passed out in 1961. Being the last batch to have the Higher School Certificate Examination (HSCE), I didn't have to attend pre-university college and went straight to Cambridge University. My time there was a great one, with half a dozen of my fellow batch mates from Doon to keep me company during those years. After graduating, I stayed on in England and worked for 18 months as an assistant welder at Mallen and Plat Ltd. in Manchester. Though terribly smoggy, work experience was mandated by the university as a condition for my degree. Leaving with a Masters in Mechanical Sciences, I returned to India for a short while before leaving for the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in America. On completing my MBA, I worked in America for some time at a company called Nedesco before returning to India to work at Triveni Engineering and Industries – where I currently work as Managing Director. Over time, Triveni has expanded from producing sugar to manufacturing steam turbines. Currently we are one of the top three suppliers to India and the world in these fields respectively.

**DSW: Do you think that the 'Make in India' campaign has been successful in attracting foreign investment? If not, what changes need to be made to this campaign in order to achieve its goal?**

**DMS:** I was fortunate to be nominated by the Prime Minister to be the Chairman of the Indo-French CEO forum. With 15 Chairmen from each country, we were tasked with presenting an investment report to President Holland and Prime Minister Modi during the latter's recent visit to France. Despite meeting only for one day, we made three or four recommendations to the dignitaries which are in the process of being implemented. One of these was on the 'Ease of Doing Business.' Currently, firms from both countries face difficulties while operating in India – to which we suggested the streamlining of the state machinery for the swift approval of business proposals. Throughout our presentation, the PM was a keen listener and asked many questions – something that we all appreciated. The fact that our recommendations were accepted, with the PM following-up with us on them months later, points to the health and great potential of this campaign.

Notwithstanding, domestic investment holds equal importance with foreign investment, and thus deserves an equal amount of emphasis as part of this campaign. In my opinion, the origin of investment is secondary to investment itself, in so far that it remains constant, for such investment will always lead to growth; further leading to increased manufacturing and thus more jobs – completing the cycle of economic prosperity. In this area, India has a high potential for investment due to its large and growing lower-cost employable population.

However, this potential doesn't automatically translate into investment, which India itself must work towards. Despite this huge potential, it is pitiable to note that we are, in terms of investment, far behind other nations without such rich resources. In order to get ahead, foreign investment (directly or financially) is not enough. Additionally, we must work towards developing our nation's human capital – specifically in areas of skill development and higher education. Without a population suitable for such employment, our social infrastructure will not adequately complement the level of investment we hope to attract. This is one initiative that must be realized in order to meet our goals that the 'Make in India' campaign aims to accomplish.

**DSW: What do you think are some of the similarities and differences that you have observed from your time to today?**

**DMS:** Needless to say, there has been a herculean leap from my time in School to what it is now. Back then, everything was very restricted. Your pocket money was lower and you were hardly ever allowed to go out. Supporting this was the academic pressure. While in my final years, I was hardly ever able to go out on weekends; before I knew it, I had left School and joined university. In addition, I think that communication has played a major role in a changing the Doon School experience. Everyone today has access to a lot more information through the internet and telecommunication; now being able to learn more things in less time, something that is clearly showcased in your smartness. From my time, this vibrancy of knowledge has increased by the tenth exponent. A result of this though is an increase in expectations of students. As is evident from this generation's fierce competition, the expectancy level of students too has risen exponentially- which carries both good and negative effects.

**DSW: Do you have any advice for students wanting to pursue a career in business and/or management?**

**DMS:** It is a really deep question. I would say that all students have to accustom themselves to the rate of progress, which has doubled its pace from earlier. We are entering an era of great potential, yet uncertainty. Our entrepreneurship and innovation are going to be key ingredients. Whether you will take on a management role or start something of your own, you have to be entrepreneurial – having the ability to assess risks and take them; always being willing to work hard. Furthermore, you must realize the individual importance of caring for the greater society (i.e. Social responsibility and environmental friendliness), for doing so will create a positive economic atmosphere that will invariably benefit your own business interests. To reiterate, the reason for this is not moral conscience – it is for personal prosperity – and not doing so will result in grave consequences. These are some difficulties your generation's entrepreneurs will soon face and must be ready to tackle, if at all you wish to ensure success.

# The Week Gone By

Aryan Chhabra

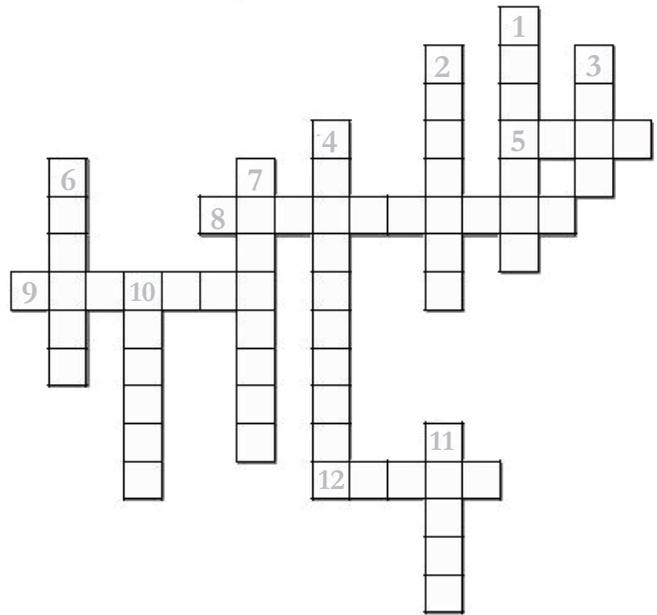
If one were to expect the week after midterms to allow for some catching of breath, one could not be more mistaken! Right from the late night founder's practices to the evening athletics practices, from teachers frantically finding time to complete the course to the early morning boxing practices, there is absolutely no time for anything, and yet everything seems to be happening.

On the co-curricular front, all those involved in English and Hindi plays are seen rehearsing their dialogues and expressions and practicing their scenes to make sure that they put up mesmerizing shows. Those involved in the Music School are gearing up for yet another memorable performance, the kind of performance that has come to become the hallmark of music at School. It would be fair to say that both drama and music productions require immense amounts of time for practice, and given the acute shortage of time, the people involved are wearing themselves thin trying to get things to the mark. I wish them the very best of luck for their performances, and going by the track record, one can be sure of experiencing amazing performances this year as well.

At the same time, many promising athletes are seen running around the field, giving in all they have. But as we have seen, it is a tough road to victory and as we gear up to do what we love, it is imperative to remember that practice makes a man perfect. I am sure that all this practice will not go to waste and our endeavors will bear fruit, sooner or later. Speaking of sports, our School has emerged victorious in various IPSC sports tournaments such as tennis, table tennis, chess and basketball. Kudos to all those involved for giving in all they had and delivering brilliant performance(s) and making our School proud.

Given the plethora of activities that seem to be going on in School, one humbly requests the masters to tolerate the sleepy heads that haunt their classes, not that masters are getting any respite themselves! Once Founders winds down, DoscOs would soon get down to their studies and start preparing for exams. No wonder the Dosco calendar runs faster than any earthly calendar. But then that's what makes us DoscOs, isn't it?

# Crossword



### Across

5. The largest organ of the human body
8. It is the only country in the Commonwealth never to have been part of the British Empire.
9. He was the main inspiration for Snowball in 'Animal Farm'
12. A book of maps

### Down

1. The element with the largest atomic radius.
2. The nationality of the Formula 1 racer, Lewis Hamilton.
3. A flower which shares its name with a body part.
4. He was the last Inca emperor.
6. Dr. Watson's first name in the Sherlock Holmes books.
7. A person who speaks multiple languages.
10. The number of months in the Islamic calendar.
11. The resting place of Babur.

*Note: All answers related to persons in this crossword refer to their surnames.*

12. Atlas	4. Atahualpa	6. George	7. Polyglot
9. Trotsky	3. Iris	1. Caesium	10. Twelve
8. Mozambique	2. British	11. Kabul	
5. Skin			
<b>Across</b>	<b>Down</b>	<b>Answers to This Week's Crossword:</b>	

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