Bali Pass: The Oddities of Adventure

Shivendra Pratap Singh recounts his life-changing midterm expedition to Bali Pass.

There was a stretch during the expedition, when the four of us, and the five-strong supporting staff, were the only human beings in the valley. No man inhabited the gorges of Rainisara, nor did any man dare tread across its high ridges in the month of April. Walking alone, at a steady pace, there was but one shared objective – the summit of Bali Col. This excitement of having to complete a first traverse, anxiety over the possibility of failure and the adventure which was omnipresent, were the true reasons behind our decision to take this unprecedented risk.

In the month of January, we realised that this year would mark the 60th death anniversary of eminent mountaineer and Old Boy, Major Nandu Jayal (Ex 111-T). A pioneer in his sport, and a trailblazer in his community, Nandu was one person whose legacy changed the face of Indian Mountaineering. There was no way we could skip the acknowledgement of this year’s significance and the magnitude of the contribution Nandu made. Thus, we started the search for probable destinations, and zeroed in on the Arwand Kalindini Khal pass trek. Soon, though, we had to change our plans, recognising the risk involved. So we looked west, and finally found what would be our actual destination – Bali Pass. The next month found us making extensive preparations for the expedition. Official permission was granted by the Headmaster, while Mr. Rajesh Majumdar helped us with arranging a GPS and a Go-Pro camera, a first for any School trek. On April 2, 2018, we left for Sankri, our roadhead and the gateway to Western Garhwal. When we stopped to get our forest permits, the ranger asked us for our terminus and turning point. We told him that we were going to land up on the other side of the ridge in Yamunotri. His look of pure shock was enough to get us mentally prepared for the arduous trek ahead. That night, we were briefed on the trail and met our guides and porters who would accompany us throughout the trek.

The trip began with a short and rock-strewn drive to Taluka with 20 people packed inside one jeep. Here on, the use of our GPS commenced, as did our ambitious journey to Bali’s summit.

Our camping nights had begun and rain and snow were experienced on all but one fortunate day when we were camping at Rainisara, our second halt on the expedition. The mornings would go by eating breakfast on a sleeping mat. By afternoon on most days, we would reach our destination for the day and the evenings were specially reserved for bouldering across the rivers. The lake at Rainisara was celestial in the truest sense of the word and the valley had some of the most magnificent panoramas of the Himalayan peaks. As we travelled to Kalanag base camp, we saw the Bali Pass, imposing itself upon us, too tall and powerful to be defeated. Rain and snow held us back for the last few days as we eagerly discussed and changed plans in the alpine hut we had camped in.

On the seventh night of the expedition, we decided that if the weather bode well for the climb, we would make a move in the morning. And it did! At 1:45 AM, in the crystalline night, we started our climb towards Odari – the Advance Base Camp. Odari was reached at 3:30 AM, just as the moon had risen above the behemoths surrounding us. The snow was deep and soft, making the walk much tougher than usual. After the final stretch of rocky terrain, we donned the micro-spikes and continued the steep ascent to Bali Pass: The Oddities of Adventure

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SILICON SUCCESS
The Department of Computer Science conducted the International Informatics Olympiad Level 2. Keshav Singhania secured the 2nd rank internationally in Class 7. Securing ranks at the State Level, Ishan Mishra won the 1st rank in Class 11 and Shreyansh Sharda secured 2nd rank in Class 10. At the junior State Level, Aradhya Jain achieved the 2nd rank in Class 8 and Tanmay Kuchhal and Yuvraj Sharda secured 2nd and 3rd ranks in Class 7 respectively. Overall, School placed 2nd internationally.

Congratulations!

THE RHETORICIANS
Adit Chatterjee, Armaan Verma and Aryan Bhattacharjee represented the school at the Saroj Srivastava Memorial English Debates held at Welham Girls’ School. Aryan Bhattacharjee was adjudged the Best Speaker in the Preliminary Round.

Kudos!

PERSUASIVE PRODIGIES
The school was represented by Aarsh Ashdhir, Divyansh Nautiyal and Sriman Goel at the Hugh Catchpole Debates, RIMC. The team reached the quarter finals. Aarsh Ashdhir won a Best Speaker award in the preliminary round and the Commandant’s Special Prize in the turncoat round.

Well done!

““

The only limit to our realisation of tomorrow will be our doubts of today.”

Franklin D. Roosevelt

ACCOMPLISHED ARGUMENTATORS
Abhyanshu Utkarsh, Devang Laddha and Kartik Singh Rathore represented the school at the Inter-School Hindi Debates held at The Welham Girls’ School. In the preliminary round, Abhyanshu Utkarsh was adjudged the 2nd Best Speaker while Devang Laddha was adjudged as the Best Interlocutor. The school secured the Runners-Up position in the final round with Abhyanshu Utkarsh winning the award for the Best Speaker.

Congratulations!

PLAYING THE PERFECT ROUND
The School Golf Team participated in the Selaqui Inter-School Golf Tournament. Anay Krishnan, Aviraj Machre and Rishabh Goyal tied for the 3rd position in the Senior Category.

Kudos!

ERRATA
On Page 2 in Issue No. 2501, Anish Bhide’s award for the Best Goal of the Tournament at the ‘United For Hockey’ Tournament was erroneously omitted and misprinted as the Best Goalkeeper of the Tournament. The Weekly regrets this error.

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Around the World in 80 Words
The Union Cabinet approved Ordinance for a death penalty for the rape of girls under 12 years. Rajya Sabha chairman Venkaiah Naidu rejected the Congress-led impeachment notice to remove the Chief Justice of India, Dipak Misra. The Prime Minister of Armenia, Serzh Sargsyan resigned after mass protests in the country. The leader of the Houthi rebels was killed in Yemen. Egyptian footballer Mohamed Salah, a Liverpool forward, became the first African player to be voted PFA Player of the Year.
the central ridge. The ridge had a steep drop of a thousand feet on both sides and crevasses sat on its foot. Our pace slowed down with altitude and ice-axes were finally taken out. The face of the col stood right before us as we neared the borderline of the main ridge. Our feet were numb and so were our hands as we dug deep into snow. Then, the sun finally rose above Swargarohini and so did we, on the ridgeline of the pass. The summit was finally reached after one last push from the ridgeline, and we were there, facing the colossal massif of Banderpunch and the vast, snowy meadows which lay below. Sensation came back and suddenly our limbs were warm again. After rappelling down an impossibly vertical slope and sliding down the meadows (fun indeed), little did we know, that the toughest part was waiting to unravel itself. The snow was loose, the incline was as steep as it could get and ahead lay a chasm which would be the direct route to Yamunotri (and possibly to the Lord too). That was one moment in the entire trek, when the significance and value of life was clearly understood by each one of us, and the subsequent relief was really the best thing we could get.

Upon our return, Yamunotri was prepping for the opening of the Yatra and people were busy getting ready. GMVN hosted us for the final night of the expedition and we left the holy valley, still awestruck with what we had just experienced. We rejoiced in the knowledge that we had just performed a feat which had never been done before – we were the first party to traverse the pass in April and in the most treacherous of weather, in recorded history. Upon returning to School, I looked back in contentment. This expedition would not have been possible without the constant support from Dr. Shukla and Mr. Burrett. We would especially like to express our gratitude to Mr. Rajesh Majumdar and the Science department which provided us with means to record the trek. Thanks are also due to Mr. Barthwal and Mr. Chain Singh, our expedition manager.

As we drove down to the gates of School I realised why we do it - for the friendships which are strengthened, for the thrill of adventure, and for the experiences which we treasure afterwards. Above all, for lessons learnt from the Himalayas, which teaches us to be one with the outside, and to be one with the inside.

**UNDER THE SCANNER**

Syrian Chemical Warfare | Jai Lakhanpal & Advaita Sood

Since 2012, in an attempt to topple over their leader, Bashar al-Assad, the Syrian civilians have engaged in what is today known as the ‘biggest civil war of the decade.' After a long stretch of attacks and bombings this year tensions have escalated and the involvement of other nations has increased.

In March this year, rebel troops near Damascus, split into three sub-groups and advanced into North Eastern Syria. The group controlling Douma, Jaysh al-Islam, persevered and remained in the region. On 6 April, after negotiations with the government stalled, the Assad regime, with the help of an air base in Moscow launched air strikes on the rebel bases.

The next day, a series of chemical attacks executed by the Assad regime killed over forty civilians and left several injured in Douma, a small town near Damascus. Analysts have reported that dangerous substances including Chlorine and Sarin gas were used in the strikes, which were being produced in a Syrian Research Centre in Barzeh.

Following the attack, the U.S.A, U.K. and France responded by declaring and planning attacks on Syrian military and research bases. On April 13th they ordered attacks on three different sites which were said to be producing and releasing these chemical weapons. The attacks followed through after Prime Minister, Theresa May said it was “right and legal” to order cruise missile strikes following the chemical attack on civilians.

Further, reports have stated that the sole purpose of the attacks was to deter Syrian authorities from the use of chemical weapons in the future and to send a message to the wider world that it was unacceptable to use such weaponry.

On the other hand, Syria along with its allies from Russia and Iran believe and has assured that the Syrian government was not involved in the attacks. Moreover, the Iranian foreign minister scrutinized the three nations for blatantly violating International laws and regulations formed by the UN charter. In a recently held UN gathering the delegation of Russia vetoed against the other nations proposing a temporary action to remove and disarm any chemical weaponry.

A few days ago, Rebels in Syria began to evacuate after agreeing to surrender the region to the government. Furthermore, to resolve the crisis, Sweden has agreed to host a subsequent UN Security Council meeting, discussing the current conflict in Syria and that between western nations and Syria’s allies. The United States, along with multiple EU nations, seek to resolve the issue by disallowing the use of chemical weapons, without the appliance of Russia’s veto.
Ojas Kharbanda talks about the increase of rape in our country and the wrong path it is headed in.

Stripping off Liberty

I, probably like just like the reader, have grown up in a country where the fear of rape looms in the toxic air, choking and enveloping us in a haze far more hazardous than the PM2.5 air in our national capital. It truly sickens me to see the path along which India as a nation is traversing. With ever growing intolerance and hatred, there is thick smog of crimes against women that has fostered a feeling of indifference. Now, unlike our leaders, I shall refrain from attacking parties or governments of the past or present and would like to simply address the issue of pressing importance: the safety of women.

The Kathua and Unnao rape cases have not been the worst this country has seen, but they certainly have shaken the consciousness of many in the country. In the world's largest democracy, crimes against women are on the rise. Every 15 minutes a woman is raped in India. We reside in a nation where our capital witnesses 4 rapes a day, while our judiciary witnesses a conviction rate of a mere 24.21%; a gradual yearly decrease since 1973.

It's disconcerting to see that crimes are used to achieve ulterior motives; as observed in the case the 8-year old girl Asifa. This new trend exasperates me. Girls can be viciously attacked with impunity to scare communities and organisations into accepting personal demands. It makes me clench my fists to see every sensitive issue in this country turn into a communal issue. The politics in this country is rapidly deteriorating and the entire discourse needs to move beyond the Hindu- Muslim debate so that it can accommodate the issue of the women safety.

It is a sad reality that we have grown up in an India fueled by vote bank politics where not only maintaining exclusivity but also to a large extent backwardness is crucial to the attainments of votes. Hatred appears to be rampant in the country. I say this because many in the country have regretfully politicised a rape. This is lamentable.

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We have come to a point where the attack on a “rival” religion is acceptable, even in the form of rape, till the time it has been committed on holy grounds. We have come to point where an old man is fondling himself publicly at a rally demanding justice for a rape victim. We have clearly reached a nadir. Where we have reached as a country and where we are headed confounds me. The fact that the first response to rape is its communalisation and politicisation, makes evident that our mentality, progress and development as a nation has stagnated. Enduring the choking smog of Delhi is a far better poison to be attacked by than the plague looming the dark alleys of Delhi.

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Statistics show that the introduction of death penalty has no effect on the crime rates. Our reaction, or our lawmakers’ and legislators’ reaction, has been the introduction of an ordinance slapping child rapists with the death penalty; a move similar to the one in 2012 where rapists who directly caused the death of the victim were awarded the death penalty in response to the emotional outburst across the country. India as a country does support the death penalty, and constitutionally there are eight instances where the death penalty can be awarded. What befuddles me is the belief that harsher measures will contain the rate of rape. Statistics show that the introduction of death penalty has no effect on the crime rates. The government can be granted the benefit of the doubt that maybe it was the right move in order to allay negative sentiments and bring about a perceived closure in the minds of the victim's family. But it is also vitally important for the government to understand that this is not a solution, or even a deterrent, and that systematic and stringent measures are required to curb this menace.

Immanuel Kant once stated that a wicked heart is the cause of stupidity. Philosopher Hannah Arendt added that wickedness is caused by the absence of thought. My stomach churns as I write this sorrowful piece and I hope that constructive reforms are introduced and that no fellow Indian has to go through the pain of writing such a piece again.
Aryan Bhattacharjee throws light on a prevailing issue in our nation.

The Victimised Sex

Man rapes woman. Is the woman a mere object, in this sentence, as well as in the hands of the man (the subject), while ‘rape’ just another verb? Must she surrender to his need for total domination? Are our ideas on gender and the sexual act so profoundly skewed that we don’t see it as a powerplay where the woman plays to lose? Any further elucidation would prove futile in view of the glaring atrocities of assault the past few weeks have witnessed. What stands out further is the mindless defence posed by these offenders – incuding those given by politicians in power—which seeks to normalize the act as unavoidable.

What is rape, then, a consequence of? A repressed sexual urge prevalent amongst men in general? It is a means to punish. To punish the woman for wearing miniskirts, walking out without a dupatta, being out on the road late at night in the first place. For being a woman. The Guardian estimates that three out of every five rapists feels justified in assaulting a woman. Multiple cases of Uber drivers in Delhi assaulting ‘liberally’ dressed women passengers is a statement reminding women of their lowly position in a patriarchal setup. In a study conducted by Rhiana Wenger and Antonia Abbey, justifications given by convicts of assault were found almost always to revolve around ‘supportive gestures’ given by women. The correlation that a woman’s liberal mindset and dress code ascertains an eternal animal urge, drive for copulation, is appalling. The effects this causes impact society at a much deeper level. If demanding equality leads to rape then people find refuge in complying with the unjust inequality rampant in our world. It leads to women ensuring they remain the ‘object’.

The famous mother-in-law syndrome seen in much of Indian soap opera depicts a much larger flaw in Indian society. Women themselves support, or rather, enforce patriarchy upon themselves, despite experiencing first hand the limitations it brings. Shockingly, over 20 studies over the past three decades show that upto 47 in a hundred women fantasize about getting raped. Experts believe that there may be another 9 to 17 per cent increase in the statistic, considering many are ashamed to report such fantasies. Women want to be dominated. Simone de Beauvoir argues strongly in her book, The Second Sex, about how women are not born but made and shaped by society. They are trained, from birth, on how to survive in a man’s world, as the man wants them to. Every credible institution is manipulated by man- in his own world- to ensure his dominance. Society, culture and most importantly, religion define the role and place of the sexes to ensure the woman remains the object. Women enter the powerplay, certain that they will lose.

Ironically, the same religious institution demands purity, chastity and celibacy. A huge façade of stigma thus forms around the sexual act. It is reduced to being morally incorrect and blatantly wrong and dirty. All this is shown when the most searched term on ‘Xvideos.com’ this month was ‘asifa rape’! Leaving aside the hypocrisy, such a stigma equips children living in such societal setups with a ghastly view of their sexes. The inability to have one’s curiosities regarding the sexual act go unanswered and avoided can be overwhelmingly confusing for young boys and girls enduring adolescence. It leaves them clueless about the mortifying changes in one’s body. However, a simultaneous display of feminine subservience and male ascendancy in their mileu leads them into subconsciously start accepting and emulating the roles given to them by society. Vidhi Doshi from the Washington Post writes that most rural convicts of rape don’t know what sexual assault is! Perhaps that is what makes the act so natural for them. If everything they’ve seen around them indicates that women have no choice in anything they do, why should sex be any different?

We have failed to see the absence of rape and assault because the factors that cause them are far too deep-rooted, often inherent, in society even to be visible. To change the mentality we must first see it. To every man who reads this:

you must want to spend the rest of your life with yourself first

-Rupa Kaur
‘You Got Magic!’

Divyansh Nautiyal reviews the recent magic show conducted in School by Old Boy, Neel Madhav.

Our School, as an audience, has witnessed a number of captivating talks, plays, music performances and fiery debates in the past. However, probably nothing like a magic show ever ended up on that list. Last Sunday evening, an enthused Rose Bowl, packed with students and teachers, was delighted to host an ex-Dosco, Neel Madhav.

An illusionist, mentalist and a magician, Neel runs his own show ‘You Got Magic’ on NDTV Goodtimes. The School got to witness the recent shoot for the upcoming third season where we shall find a blend of life at School along with Neel’s magical touch to it. In India, magic as an art is still relatively unexplored. Hence, the magic that comes to surface is generally the old conventional tricks with no innovation and creativity. Neel’s spectacular dexterity and nuanced style astounded the audience.

After a daylong shoot, the magician entered the stage breathless, with everyone waiting eagerly for the show to commence. It was only a matter of time that we found ourselves witness to magic that ranged from Neel detecting the truth, to making people choose the exact same cards with zero prior information. Such magic, although prevalent in US and UK, was a change from the stereotypical birthday-party-tricks. The show saw a major shift in the mindset of the audience. From being bored and critical before the start, the audience was left dumbfounded towards the end of the show.

While every display of magic was commendable, a few managed to leave a long lasting impression.

-Be it the prodigy managing to make PBR and AMB choose the same card or figuring out the exact words from a random page in a book with the aid of certain clues; all the tricks were well crafted. Naturally the audience desperately searched for answers but only to no avail. During a casual talk with him, I learnt that he had mastered Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP) and Criminal Psychology. The very same skill allowed him to read our actions and made him succeed in extracting information without us having spoken a single word. The unbelievable tricks were a culmination of Neel’s expertise in human psychology and mere subtleties that made them look impossible. The show marked an event which found the entire school together, from the masters to the SC formers and down to the excited new D form.

However, the final trick stole the show as Neel chose the word ‘manifest’ from a newspaper and led multiple people in a way that ended up with them choosing the same word. With every move disconnected and random, and all the odds stacked against the success of the trick, Neel exceptionally managed to ‘read between the lines’ and made the implausible happen.

Unlike a movie or a play review, I can’t really comment on the magic show simply because of my limited knowledge about the intricacies of magic. As the show finally drew to a close, the School chanted the ‘Dosco cheers’ to reaffirm our belief in the Dosco tradition and its ideals. On the outside of the Rose Bowl, the magician found himself surrounded by hordes of Doscos, all waiting for their questions to be answered.

By the virtue of the performer being an ex Dosco, the show was not only magical but also hilarious. Along with the magic,

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Weekend Wickets

Keshav Singhal

After the high-powered game last year where the School team succumbed to the Old Boys by a very slight margin, the School Cricket Team stepped up to settle the old score. It was a rather proud moment to see the jok in the School Team as they returned from a demanding tournament to play two matches in a single day.

This eagerly-awaited event had a somewhat unpleasant start as the School Team missed several key players who were on their way back from Pine Grove. The Old Boys, batted first and made their mark on the pitch. A commendable performance was put up by the back-up team which was ready to play at a very short notice. By the end of the tenth over, Doscos were visibly ecstatic as the School Team made an emphatic entrance in the stadium. Nevertheless, the passionate Old Boys marched towards an impressive total of 158 runs in 25 overs. As the innings got over with a superb delivery by Viksit Verma that knocked off the middle stump, the original ‘bhukkad’ Dosco was seen milling around the Pavilion, lining up for the evening snack that had generously been arranged by the Old Boys.

The opening pair of the School Team proved to be pretty confident as they gave a great headstart to the team. Anyhow, the Old Boys managed to turn the tide by clinching four quick wickets which added to the burden on the Captain. Despite the obvious challenges, the School Cricket Captain boosted the team’s morale with an exemplary performance that left the Old Boys flabbergasted and the audience astounded, making this an extremely compelling event. Eventually, despite all these twists, the Old Boys managed to defeat the School Cricket Captain’s skills by displaying an amazing work of fielding. The Old Boys managed to keep their nerves and choke the School Team to another nail-biting loss by 19 runs.

For his extraordinary performance, Viksit Verma was honoured with the Man of the Match award.

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Intellectual Discourse

Shiven Dewan

Rarely does one have the opportunity to witness debate and discussion among eminent leaders, policy makers and opinion shapers. Fortunately, the annual flagship event of The Hero Group, The Mindmine Summit presented me with the opportunity to not only witness, but also be a part of such a discourse.

The Mindmine Summit is a 12-year old conference where panelists from various fields assess the political, economic and societal landscape of India. This year, the agenda was ‘India @ 75: Is This The New India’ and 14 panel discussions were engaged in topics ranging from data to agriculture.

I was a member of a panel discussion on the topic ‘India’s Millennials: Can They Reshape Markets, Society and Governments?’ On the panel, I would represent the newest millennials and India’s upcoming generation. Being the youngest at the conference by a fair distance, I felt dwarfed by the aura of various ministers, politicians and journalists!

However, my co-panelists were quite warm and I hope we were able to contribute to the level of discourse. I argued for a more collaborative and engaging work environment for future millennials, which would open up liquid networks for innovation. The moderator Mr Rajeev Makhni and I explored the impact of experimental new-age parenting on millennials. I disagreed with the stereotypical millennial desire for complete change and substantiated by presenting a rich and varied history of India that needed to be acknowledged and celebrated. The session was quite interactive and it was wonderful to constantly engage with the audience who fired a volley of questions at us! However, the technology debate ended the session on a lighthearted note: the appropriate age for a phone!

The Mindmine Summit is easily the most unique and significant event I have ever been a part of. It was an experience for a lifetime, which shall certainly remain etched in my memory.
As hopes of a well-rested sleep were dampened by the Terry Fox run on Sunday, it became abundantly clear that the lost sleep would not be recovered for another week. However, the mesmerizing magic show did provide momentary relief to our lives, leaving the School in awe and a certain individual with a tad bit more knowledge of the English language! Still, the hardships in the wee hours of the morning (and in the late hours of the night, too, in some cases!) was a constant source of burden in the lives of Doscos. As the date of the competition neared, exhausted faces (and also nearly bald heads!) basked in their beds for half hour more. However, this did not provide much relief as anticipated earlier because of the late night play, band and dance practices.

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Crossword

**Bollywood Remakes**

**Across**
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2. This film featuring Saif Ali Khan and Rani Mukherjee, was a remake of the Hollywood film ‘When Harry met Sally’.
3. This film was inspired by Hollywood classic ‘Kramer vs Kramer’. It features songs such as Aisa Zakhm Diya hai and Dil Kehta hai.
4. This remake of Sidney Lumet’s ‘12 angry men’ was directed by Basu Chatterjee and featured the actor Pankaj Kapoor. – Ek Ruka______
5. This film was adapted from Tom Cruise’s ‘Knight and Day’, and featured the characters Rajveer Nanda and Harleen Sahani.
6. This movie was adapted from Robin Williams’ ‘Mrs. Doubtfire’ and included actors like Amrish Puri and Nasser.
7. This film was adapted from Francis Coppola’s ‘The Godfather’ and starred a real-life father son duo.
8. This Bollywood hit was a remake of a Hollywood film which featured the characters Rajveer Nanda and Harleen Sahani.
9. This film was a remake of a Japenese film. It features the iconic villain Gabbar Singh.
10. This superhit starring Amitabh Bachan was a remake of the Hollywood film ‘When Harry met Sally’.

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