

# The Doon School WEEKLY

"I sketch your world exactly as it goes." -Arthur Foot  
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## Editorial

# A Legacy of Service

Yashovat Nandan

For more than 85 years, the *Weekly's* existence has not relied on those who serve this institution, but rather on who the institution serves. It is now my privilege, and of my fellow members of the Senior Editorial Board, of course, to serve this institution, the *Weekly*, for the course of the next year. The fact that the *Weekly* exists to serve the School makes it prestigious, and as the Senior custodians appointed to safeguard this prestige, we hope we are able to live up to this monumental duty of service.

We as an Editorial Board have noticed that Doscos have unfortunately begun to limit themselves to exclusively skimming through the humorous parts of each issue and that a sad, but common sight after breakfast on Saturday mornings, are the countless issues of the *Weekly* strewn across tables in the CDH. An impression has begun to emerge in School that the *Weekly* has reduced itself to elitism: with a parochial focus on political pieces and only a few sections that are School-centric and actually stimulate the School community. Some have even gone to the extent of claiming that the *Weekly* has become a forum dominated by its own Board Members to write on matters that suit them, and the publication thus becoming an 'echo of itself', instead of being an 'echo of Chandbagh', effectively shutting out its readership from contributing

to the publication in a meaningful capacity. I think it is safe to say that the *Weekly* has managed to publish intellectually stimulating articles for and about School for more than eight decades, yet, somewhere along the way, we forgot our audience. And although the quality of language and writing has been maintained, the manner in which we confer with our readers needs to change. Despite our best efforts last year, an inadvertent tedium could not be prevented from creeping in. Quite frankly, some of the articles were irrelevant to an average Dosco, giving him absolutely no reason to care about the *Weekly*. It wasn't that the articles were incomprehensible, it was just they had no connection to our lives.

But as the new custodians of this publication, it is the Senior Board's duty to bring the *Weekly* back to its chartered course. For starters, the *Weekly* is about Chandbagh, not just its students, but also its Masters. And this means that everything happening within the four walls of School absolutely needs to be reported, be it the Inter-House Competitions or the decisions taken by the School Council, a light must be shone on the happenings of our School and this responsibility falls upon the *Weekly*. The School must be praised for its accomplishments but must also be held accountable for its decisions. And this mustn't be in a veiled manner but rather in an assertive and rationally

argumentative one. It is important to understand that exploration and inquest lead to acknowledgement and response, doubts raised today lead to clarifications tomorrow, and these struggles eventually lead to success.

Just the other day, when we were having a conversation about this very publication, someone reminded me of the immense power that resided within the pages of the *Weekly*. He recalled how more than a decade ago, when Dr Kanti Bajpai was heading our School, the Board of Governors had decided to replace the plaque in the Main Building, which outlined the motto of our School, with a new set of plaques. These new plaques were meant to recognise the donations of those who had contributed to the renovation of School and this decision was met with some backlash from the community. Two students decided to write a Letter to the Editor in response to this decision, explaining their reasoning as to why the original plaque should stay up. Mr Bajpai then responded to their letter with one of his own in the next issue, and this was then followed by another letter from the two students. This exchange continued to go back and forth for more than five consecutive weeks before the Board of Governors and the Headmaster finally ceded, and this made me realise that the sheer level of discourse that this platform propagates is incomparable

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## TO NEW BEGINNINGS

The **Senior Editorial Board** of the *Weekly* for the year 2022-23 comprises the following students:

Abhay Jain, Tarun Matthew Doss, Vinesh Uniyal, Yashovat Nandan and Aryaveer Agrawal.

Yashovat Nandan has been appointed as the **Editor-in-Chief** and Tarun Doss as the **Senior Editor**. The **Hindi Editor** is Aryaveer Agrawal.

The *Weekly* would like to thank its outgoing Editors for their commitment to the publication.

## UNQUOTABLE QUOTES

*When's the Weekly coming out this week?*

**Vir Mehta**, inquisitive.

*Sir, I was came on time.*

**Satvik Petwal**, always punctual.

*I was the headgirl in my old school.*

**Vivaan Sood**, gender neutral.

*A exam is not a test.*

**Neel Sahai**, indeed.

*Live a life you can't live.*

**Aryan Ranjan**, living on the edge.

*I get.*

**Rishisk Chokhany**, what?

*This is going to be very easier.*

**Krtin Goel**, piece of cake.

*Wake up your eyes.*

**Omar Ahmed**, mentally asleep.

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Whereof one cannot speak, thereof one must be silent.

—  
Ludwig Wittgenstein

## FANATIC FOOTBALLERS

The following are the results for the **Inter-House Football Competition 2022:**

### Seniors:

**1st:** Tata and Jaipur

**3rd:** Kashmir

**4th:** Hyderabad

**5th:** Oberoi

### Juniors:

**1st:** Hyderabad

**2nd:** Jaipur

**3rd:** Tata

**4th:** Kashmir

**5th:** Oberoi

### House Cup:

**1st:** Jaipur

**2nd:** Tata

**3rd:** Hyderabad

**4th:** Kashmir

**5th:** Oberoi

Congratulations to all the Houses!

## READERS CHECKLIST

What members of the School community have been reading this week:

**Mohak Jain:** *The Yes Man* by Danny Wallace.

**Divyaansh Surana:** *The Palace of Illusions* by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni.

**Arnav Khemka:** *The Great Gatsby* by F. Fitzgerald.

**MGI:** *False Allies* by Manu Pillai.

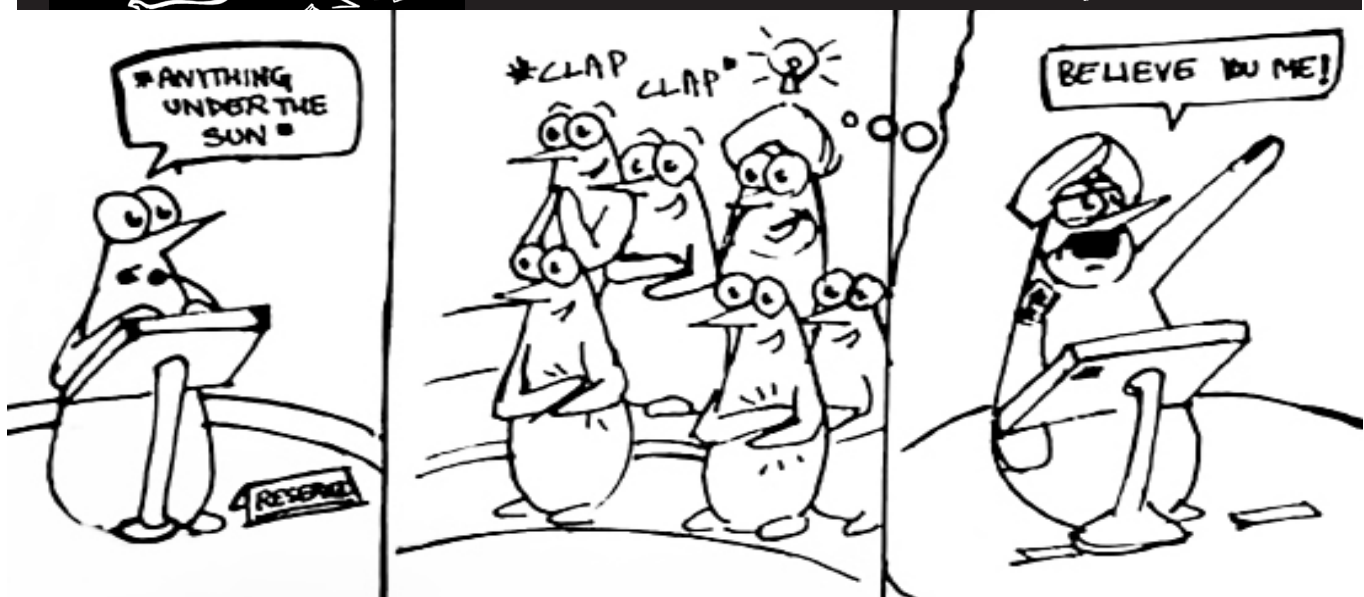
## Around the World in 80 Words

NASA prepared to launch “Flashlight” to search for drinking water on the Moon. RBI launched the first pilot of digital rupee. Canada increased immigration targets for next three years amid a labour crunch. South Korea issued an air raid alert following North Korean missiles. More than 141 people died after a bridge in Morbi, Gujrat collapsed. Prime Minister of Denmark re-elected amid surging inflation in the country. Manchester United beat West Ham 1-0 and Arsenal beat Nottingham Forest 5-0.

**Dosco Doodle**

**Propoganda Galore**

*Roban Taneja*



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to anything else in Chandbagh.

A response is a fascinating thing; it has the promise to be exceedingly personal and at the same time, it can stimulate anyone who identifies with it. I am sure countless editors of the *Weekly* have encouraged the School community to write as voices of change or erudition, to write intellectually, yet write something understood by every Dosco. And while that's all well and good, the unfortunate fact remains that most of us end up engulfed by a lack of concern or enthusiasm and are lulled into lassitude by the monotony of our lives and the writers that we seek would sooner spend their free time in ways more enjoyable than burdening themselves with writing for this publication, or any of the countless others in School. The *Weekly* must

strive to offer an appealing path for discourse, irrespective of whether it is intellectual or emotional, where each writer's unique and interesting thoughts may find a congenial home and where every reader may be comforted through the awareness of a shared ideology or experience. Expression is something that each human should hold very close to his or her heart, and it must be treated as something as essential as eating or sleeping and so when we express ourselves on or off this forum from time to time, we liberate ourselves from our intellectual suffocation.

I urge you, dear reader, to give the *Weekly* another chance, not only to eagerly await each Saturday to devour the issue cover to cover as I once did, but also to write for this publication. I want you to write for the *Weekly*. Not just to see your name printed on one

of those pages, definitely not to gain just a bit more coverage in School, but for yourself. And when you do, you must remember to hold your ideals and concerns close to yourself and you will find yourself immersed in a world of originality. The Board will be with you every step of the way, in case you require it, doing our level best to extend as much support as possible, to help you develop your own opinions and discover what it is you truly want to write about.

As a parting note, I am obliged to mention my predecessors to whom I will be eternally grateful, for they have laid the foundations that I aspire to build on. I hope this editorial helps to propagate some change and I also hope to see countless faces hidden behind the cascade of black and white pages that overrun the CDH on a Saturday morning.

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## On Your Marks, Set, Go!

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**Pranay Gupta** *comments on the recently conducted Inter-House Athletics Meet.*

'Faster, Higher, Stronger'; with this motto in mind, the 85th Inter-House Athletics meet kicked off after a long-awaited gap of three years. Despite the competition overlapping with the Chuckerbutty Debates and Doscos still recovering from the hangover of the Founder's outing, remarkable performances by a number of athletes were witnessed. Photo-finishes were not as rare as expected, and the officials took the help of slow-motion recordings of the finish several times to determine who crossed the line first. However, the preparations had been in full swing, as swarms of Doscos were spotted on the Main Field at dawn along with hour-long marching practices in the evenings.

This Inter-House, along with being the first in the last three years, was also the basis for the selection of the team going for the IPSC Athletics Meet. The top athletes across events were seen outside the CDH to continue their efforts for preparing for the Inter-School Competitions. The actual meet began on Friday, October 21st with nearly half of the School witnessing the various events for the first time. The synchronous marching by Tata and Hyderabad house rewarded them with a shared cake, making all the practices to get everyone in sync worth it. On the track, all the events were greeted with a chorus of cheering on the sidelines to uplift their athlete's morale and energy, while in the field events, Seniors tried their hands on javelin and shot put for the first

time on the main day in order to compensate for an injured or ill comrade.

The Juniors category witnessed stellar performances from young prodigies such as Rahul Oram and Jai Rana easily beating their competition to win the Best Athlete's Trophy in Juniors. The former also helped his house to clinch the Junior's Cup which was still in the contention by Jaipur House till the final events on the last day. In the Mediums category, Udathveer Pasricha and Shashank Dhiman outdid everybody else by winning all of their events by a comfortable margin, as well as Shashank Dhiman securing first place in the pentathlon on Sunday with points to spare. Tata House had attained a huge lead on the first day and managed to keep extending it to win the Medium's Cup.

In the Seniors' category, the entire show was stolen by the Nizams securing the cup with over 90 points more than the runners-up. Amrit Agarwal and Vidit Verma clean-swept all of the long distance runs with the sole exception of Avi Sahnii attaining first position in the five-kilometre marathon. Shardul Raghuvanshi and Neil Bulchandani continued their dominance, even in short distances, with Neil Bulchandani also winning the Best Athlete of the Tournament.

All in all, talent was displayed by all, and the pleasure of athletics season returned to our campus once again.



# The Case for Lula

*The Weekly hopes to run a regular column on global politics from a student's perspective.*

*The first of these is by Armaan Rathi, who comments on the recently elected Brazilian President and the political situation*

As someone who more often than not finds himself pouring through his Twitter feed and sadly uses the platform as his primary source of news, it came as no surprise to see my feed plastered with pictures of Lula. And a much younger Lula, held high on the shoulders of jubilant workers, romantically nursing a cigarette. Naturally, I was enamoured (platonically) and well, sucked down another political rabbit hole.

Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva or Lula was elected as the President of Brazil on Monday, November 31st. He matters immensely; here's why. To put his career into one word would be to call it heroic, or at the very least, poetic. High praise, I know. Still, it is the stuff of movies. His political life follows what some of our community's cinephiles and literature students would dub the hero's journey.

Lula was born and brought up in poverty. The working-class suffering that you and I read about was his life. The life of cramped one-bedroom apartments and constant migration in search of employment. He was a shoe shiner and then a factory worker. Despite the horrid working conditions and the outrageously low wages, the teenage Lula was more into football than politics, he steered clear of unionists and political rallies. Fate clearly had other plans for him. His moment of reckoning finally came under Brazil's military regime of 1964-85, when his brother was kidnapped and tortured at the hands of the authoritarian government. In 1975, he plunged himself into the heart of labour movements and staged monumental strikes. He soon cemented his stature as Brazil's most effective union leader. A political career seemed certain.

Lula's transition from union leader to politics was marked by the formation of Worker's Party (PT). By 2002, following a series of three losses in the General Elections, Lula was finally elected to power. What changed from his previous campaigns? He got softer on his staunch socialist stance and pleaded to Brazil's bourgeoisie. The losses taught him a lesson in ideological compromise in return for pragmatism. Lula was now a newly christened opportunist.

His first two terms in office were a time of unprecedented economic welfare for Brazil. He put in place policies which allowed millions to escape poverty and increased literacy rates and life-expectancy in Brazil. Moreover, such economic stability allowed Brazil to host the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Olympics. Lula left office in 2010 with an approval rating of 90%. Obama dubbed him the most popular politician in the world. Lula left office as a messianic figure, revered by the masses and even the rich.

Lula matters because of the narrative built around him. The Lula narrative works politically because when

the average voter views him as a prospective candidate, a thought surely crosses his mind: Lula has lived my life. He knows and understands my ordinary struggles. So, who's better to alleviate my condition? This identification is key to his charismatic legitimacy. Still, the road from 2010 to now was turbulent.

Dilma Rousseff, Lula's successor was impeached in 2016. Then, in 2018, Lula was dubiously convicted over corruption charges. All this paved the way for the far-right former soldier Jair Bolsonaro to consolidate power. Under him, Brazil bled. Every year he was in office, deforestation in the Amazon increased by 75%. Unlike Lula, who waged war on poverty, Bolsonaro waged war on the poor. A hundred million Brazilians were below the poverty line. Meanwhile, his reactionary social outlook led to systemised and state-sanctioned homophobia, racism, and sexism.

Then, in heroic fashion, the Supreme Court of Brazil ruled Lula's incarceration to be unlawful in November

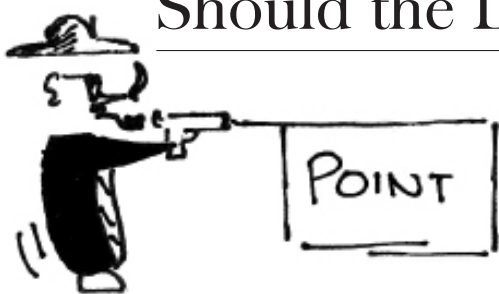
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2019. In the recent presidential elections, Lula beat Bolsonaro by the thinnest of margins. 50.9% to 49.1%. Lula was back. The international Left is overjoyed. Paradise regained? Not really.

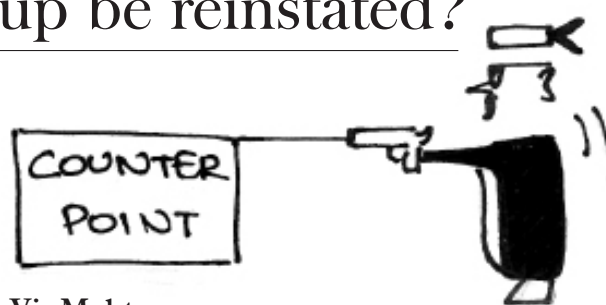
Coming back to my disgraceful Twitter addiction. I found myself to be staring at a Twitter feed saturated with Leftist intellectuals, organisations and publications rejoicing at Lula's appointment. I will not lie. I was happy and hopeful as well, and although there is cause for some celebration, let's not get ahead of ourselves.

We must acknowledge the fact that the road that lies ahead for Lula is littered abundantly with political roadblocks and hiccups. Lula has inherited a divided Brazil, with the Senate and Congress stacked against his government. He has inherited all this on the back of a campaign where he made some commendable promises to the public. Promises that I believe are at the moment out of reach. I am hopeful of the prospect of reform and social upliftment. However, the battle ahead is a slow and uphill one.

## Should the Dosco Cup be reinstated?



Arjun Prakash



Vir Mehta

Amidst the plethora of Inter-House Competitions that have inundated the grounds of Chandbagh in recent times, there seems to be a lack of incentive to put on a good show, perhaps stemming from the absence of a binding force to connect the efforts made by students who specialise in their respective fields. Be it a pianist, cricketer, actor, or athlete, everyone is acknowledged through the judging process of this award. To me — that is what makes the ‘Dosco Cup’ worth re-introducing.

Today, Inter-House Competitions seem to be fragmented, disconnected, and to be quite frank, worthless. While we still have trophies for the winners of each particular Inter-House, both on an individual and a collective basis, we are missing out on the collective sense of pride and camaraderie derived from the grandeur of the Dosco Cup. It is not merely an award, but rather the culmination of everyone’s efforts throughout the year. And when we reward this culmination of these efforts, it fosters a sense of brotherhood that our School has thrived on for decades, a spirit that has lost its taste ever since 2019.

The intention behind its removal was to ensure that students don’t get dragged into a pool of events for the sole purpose of guaranteeing another piece of silverware, which to be honest, was a fair claim at the time. However, today I still see Juniors getting dragged into the competitive nature of Inter-House events, rivalries are equally as intense, and the concept of having students specialise and train for just one particular event is nothing more than an illusion. I still see my form-mate playing piano after lunch and then heading to the basketball courts in the evening. I see the same Junior who won a speaker award in his debate, making the effort to attend football practices later that day. So, what purpose has its removal truly served? Dear reader, I leave that question for you to explore.

The Dosco brotherhood survives on the competitive nature induced by Inter-House events, so instead of hiding away from it, we should embrace it — for that would be fulfilling the ideals of a public school like ours. However important we may view Inter-House events in the grand scheme of things, we should not deprive a House of the binding factor that this trophy provides.

Imagine a world where competition is healthy, where people specialise in one field and don’t try to divide their time among many activities at which they may not excel. It’s imperative to understand that the inherent point of competition is to focus on improving the performance of an individual, rather than solely focusing on winning. In 2019, the Dosco Cup was awarded for the last time ever - a move that was met with mixed emotions, but a move that proved to be fruitful.

The Dosco Cup was a trophy awarded to the house that had performed the best overall - in academics, extracurricular activities and sports. Winning this cup was a great feat, however, its biggest issue was that it added extra pressure to the already overburdened boys. The pressure of competition leads to an increase in stress levels that will have a negative effect on the mental health of the boys, who, aside from having the stress of exams and other non-academic obligations, now have to devote time and energy to trying to claim the cup. Further, it increased competition to such a level that relations between houses were severed, and competition was no longer healthy as the boys in various houses were not focused on improving but were hell-bent on winning that gleaming piece of metal.

Thanks to the Dosco Cup, the Doon School Boy was a “Jack of all trades, master of none.” Yes, all-round development is excellent, but it should not come at the cost of not being able to perform one activity in an exemplary manner. If a student has, for example, the potential to represent India on a professional level in Squash, then the student should devote all his time and attention to improving his game, and his only objective should be to hone his skills further. If that student is then forced to divide his time and divert his attention towards other activities that may be irrelevant, the student may lose out on an opportunity to display exceptional skill in Squash or whatever sport they may choose.

To summarise, The Dosco Cup shifts the focus away from individual specialisation - something which is ever-so-important in a highly-specialised society. Furthermore, it leads to higher stress levels and unhealthy competition. It is crucial that the Doon School Cup should not be reintroduced, considering its multiple downsides.

# The Week Gone By

Abhay Jain

As a chill rises in the estate of Chandbagh, and as the School begins to return back to ‘normal’ for a final month of classes before we disperse for winter vacations, I welcome readers to this column, which, for the next year, will be written by my colleagues at the *Weekly* and myself. We hope that the humour this column brings will bring some light onto your drowsy Saturday mornings.

With that being said, let us move on to this week’s business. The week started out with a re-evaluation of an academic matter that resulted

in the issuance of certain coloured cards to some Senior members of the community. A certain incident of ‘extreme-overeating’ led to a case of food poisoning in the House of Swans, which resulted in the *hospi* reaching maximum capacity, to the glee of many weary boys who were instructed to enjoy a day of rest and relaxation under the guise of ‘House-rest’. Furthermore, outbreaks of a particularly contagious flu virus lead to the hospital arranging for a quick vaccination drive to keep the sick numbers down.

As a large number of interhouses have entered full flow, aspiring boxers will be treated to a great venue in the form of the Rose Bowl for the upcoming Inter-House boxing session, where a particular warrior seeks to assert certain dominance for his position

in the coming year. However, as the days get cooler, rising from a nice and cosy bed becomes more and more difficult as every day passes. As the school term began again, the A Form found an unpleasant surprise as they were forced to attend lengthy remedial classes, which were perhaps an aftermath of a dismal Mid-Year Trial marksheet.

Anyhow, the reluctance of both students and masters to sit on the icy steps of the Rose Bowl is evident as the nights seem to lengthen, as work that needs to be done as we return to another as returns back to another month jam-packed with formative assessments and an assortment of Inter-House Competitions.

## Wordsearch | FIFA World Cup

### Clues:

1. This country has won the most World Cup titles.
2. The highest goalscorer in the history of this tournament.
3. The FIFA World Cup Trophy replaced this cup as it got lost in 1966.
4. Only \_\_\_\_\_ countries have won a World Cup.
5. He is the youngest player to score in a World Cup.
6. This is the smallest nation ever to host the World Cup.
7. This player scored this controversial goal, known as the ‘Hand of God’, using his left fist.
8. This player was famously known for his questionable haircut. A tiny patch of hair in the shape of a semi-circle.
9. Zinedine Zidane headbutted this player in the World Cup Final in 2006.
10. This German defender has won the World Cup both as a player and a manager.
11. The World Cup song ‘*La Copa de la Vida*’, considered the best World Cup Anthem by music critics, was written by \_\_\_\_\_.
12. This player holds the record for the most goals in a single World Cup.

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