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

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हिंदी हमारी संस्कृति की धरोहर है, इसे समृद्ध और संरक्षित रखना आवश्यक है।

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IT'S IN THE RAIN

Rain to the rescue, proxy players, secret agreements and much more.

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THE WEEK GONE BY

Dreams unfulfilled on the field, but made up for in the first two schools.

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Forever in Our Hearts

The Doon School Weekly regrets to inform the School community of the passing of former Headmaster, **Mr Shomie Ranjan Das**. He will be remembered with great honour and reverence by generations of *Dosc*os and all others he influenced in his lifetime.

As I got up this morning, I read a message on my mobile from Shomie's daughter, Shey Shey about his passing away.

Shomie was my Headmaster at Doon at a critical juncture in my professional life. I could not have asked for a better HM than Shomie. He has gone to rejoin his wife Pheroza in heaven next to our Almighty where they truly belong.

I took over Hyderabad-A from RD Singh to find Rohit, Shomie's elder son, under my care and before long, Nishad joined him. A short time after Nishad's entry into HA, boys were leaving for home for their vacation. Bidding the HM good bye, but not me, Nishad proceeded to his mother. Instead, Pheroza came to me to say good bye. My answer was simple: that Nishad need not take any permission from me, his Housemaster; he could go. Pheroza offered a genuine apology and said that she would not take Nishad without Nishad apologising. This honesty and courtesy is the real brand of the 'Das Clan' that founded The Doon School, and still shines with all its trust and respect. One night, while on my round of the House, I found some wrappers outside my Prefect's room and some Senior boys munching Pizzas. I discovered that they were home-made and I showed my disapproval. However, after that occurrence, more than once Pheroza sent me my share of Pizza. Look at the human touch!

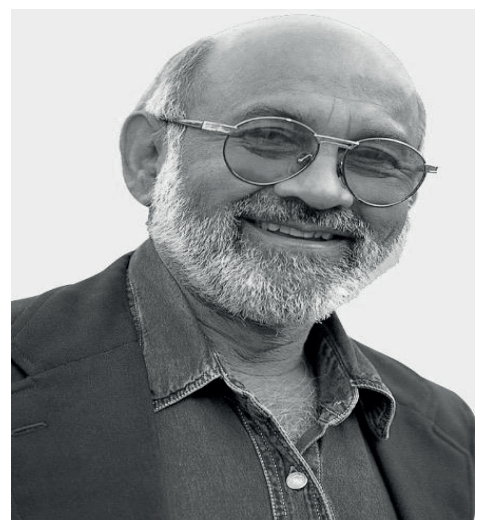
When Shomie was the Headmaster of Sanawar, I had bicycled there from Doon with my HA tutorial group and my daughter Aradhana. All had gone well so far, but short of Kasauli, Sheil Vohra and I got separated from the party. I called up Shomie who told me not to worry as he knew that the party must be at *Chaudhary Ka Dhaba*. He drove up at night and picked up Aradhana and put her up with him. That is 'Brand Das' for me: selfless and warm-hearted.

Before long, Shomie succeeded Gulab to become my HM at Doon. At the very first meeting of Housemasters to decide the School Colours, I proposed Satinder's name but SKV, the Deputy HM, then objected. Satinder had saved a calf that was floating down the canal in Rajpur. I had proposed the name for saving the life of a calf. Shomie agreed. No wonder. I believed in Shomie for his simplicity and honesty.

I am 84 and Shomie was 89 when I noticed the message from Shey Shey. My wife and I will never forget the kindness that Shomie and Pheroza showed us. My mother had passed away at night and in the morning, Shomie offered us his vehicle to drive the body up to Haridwar for cremation, and even cancelled the two pre-lunch periods so that the teachers might accompany the body in the bus. Pheroza sat through with the body and the family for much of the night. I wonder how many Principals and their wives would be so considerate.

The time had come for Shomie to invite a teacher to lead the Round Square work in Doon. He called a meeting of UC Pande, MC Joshi, and I, and asked all three, by turn, if we would like to be in-charge of Round Square. Pande and Joshi declined. I said, "Yes, but I must go to England for the Conference."

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This Week in History

1087 CE: William the Conqueror, the first Norman King of England, dies.

1850 CE: California is admitted as the 31st state of the U.S.

1893 CE: New Zealand becomes the first country in the world to grant women the right to vote.

1919 CE: The Treaty of Saint-Germain is signed, officially ending World War I between the Allied Powers and Austria.

1940 CE: The Lascaux Cave paintings, estimated to be around seventeen thousand years old, are discovered in France.

1959 CE: The Soviet Union’s Luna 2 becomes the first human-made object to reach the Moon.

1974 CE: U.S. President Gerald Ford pardons Richard Nixon for any crimes he may have committed as President during the Watergate scandal.

2001 CE: The September 11 attacks are launched by Al-Qaeda in the U.S., resulting in nearly three thousand deaths.

UNQUOTABLE QUOTES

Dying doesn’t affect my debating ability.
Aditya Koradia, the immortal Prime Minister.

Want to have winter in ice cream.
Aakash Mishra, winter wonderland.

If you’re hungry and sleepy, eat your sleep.
Vedanshh Dewan, Survival Tactics 101.

Every man has his or her preference.
PCG, voting blue.

I am checking the ocean.
Namish Agarwal, Aquaman.

Any code that makes sense is pseudocode.
ATI, The Imitation Game.

He had a heart in his soul.
PTV, the Zen Guru.

Video club doesn’t have videos.
Zubin Dhar, tech guru.

I do not support academic dishonesty
MJS, setting the record straight.

Section breaker ka special section banate hai.
Anant Jain, trying too hard.

LISTENER’S CHECKLIST

What members of the School community have been listening to this week:

Abhinav Dangwal: *We Still Don’t Trust You* by Future

Manit Jain: *Passionfruit* by Drake

Neerav Agarwal: *Love Story* by Taylor Swift

Hrishikesh Aiyer: *Steal My Girl* by One Direction

Vedanshh Dewan: *Look What You Made Me Do* by Taylor Swift

TITAN OF TRIVIA

Samarveer Bisen is the winner of the **S.R Das G.K. Prize Test 2024**.

Congratulations!

READING BETWEEN THE LINES

The winners of the **Bakhle Literature Essay 2024** are as follows:

Seniors:

Winner: Arnav Tiwari

Runner-up: Shantanu Shingari

Juniors:

Winner: Anuraag Basu

Runner-up: Aniruddha Bali

Kudos!

READER’S CHECKLIST

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

Abir Kohli: *1984* by George Orwell

Uday Rana: *One of Us is Lying* by Karen McManus

Hridaan Kumar: *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

Trish Badhwar: *A Short History of Nearly Everything* by Bill Bryson

Ranveer Tomar: *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

Agastya Chamaria: *Mein Kampf* by Adolf Hitler

Around the World in 80 Words

Typhoon Yagi left more than 150 people dead in China, Vietnam, and the Philippines. Michel Barnier was appointed Prime Minister of France by President Emmanuel Macron, leading to nationwide anti-government protests. A magnitude 5.8 earthquake hit Pakistan and tremors were felt in Uttar Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, and Afghanistan. SpaceX launched its Polaris Dawn spacewalk mission with four civilian crew members. Former Tottenham and Chelsea manager Mauricio Pochettino was named the new manager of the United States Men’s Soccer Team.

शुभ सुधा

सप्ताह का शब्द: पारंगत

समानार्थी शब्द: निपुण, कुशल, प्रवीण, दक्ष

अर्थ: Adept

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Learn as if you will live forever, live like you will die tomorrow.

—
Mahatma Gandhi

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Shomie immediately accepted my request and asked me to get two boys to accompany me for the same.

I did go to the conference, and in turn, arranged a Round Square Conference at Doon, the first one to happen outside the United Kingdom. Yes, thanks to Shomie, I learnt much from both the conferences that helped me become not just a school teacher, but also a school leader.

That was Shomie. He did not teach, but rather let you learn from your experience and respected and trusted your views. While leading Mayo College, he had also got to know my father-in-law who was the then Medical Advisor to Mayo. No wonder Shomie invited my father-in-law to dinner at his residence when the latter was visiting me.

These courtesies were in their blood. I had just joined Doon and was to escort the Calcutta party but did not know where to stay. Interestingly, Mr Das offered to take care of me and put me up with him.

I had left Doon and so had my son. He had done his Masters in Physics from IIT Mumbai and wondered if he could join Doon. We went to Shomie and chatted with him. He advised Gaurav, my son, to complete his PhD at IIT Kanpur, and Gaurav is now a Professor of Physics at BITS-Pilani's Goa Campus.

Thank you very much Pheroza and Shomie for being our mentors. May God give you both peace with Him where you truly belong.

-Amarnath Dar (ex-Housemaster, HA)

The first time I met Mr Shomie Das was at Sanawar before joining Doon. I don't remember that meeting particularly, but certainly remember the next time I did meet him, which was in my Doon School interview in the February of 1992.

He asked me many questions about a trek I had completed with my parents in Himachal Pradesh the year before, and I remember feeling that this person had managed to pick out and build a connection with me over something that was dear to me in a very short time.

I think Mr Shomie Das was like that — he had a way of connecting with students — individually — without getting over friendly or trying too hard. When I look back at the kind of teachers I came across in life later, I think Mr Das was the last of his kind — setting high standards for his students, but was also always able to convey the bigger picture.

-Khushal Thakur (ex-384 OB, '99)

It is, of course, with deep regret that I pen this obituary for Mr Shomie Das. At the same time, it brings back a flood of memories that remind us of the towering figure that he was. Our Batch was privileged to have him as our Headmaster, and for the last 35 years, I have never once heard anything but heartfelt praise for him. So, what was it that made him so remarkable? His achievements are too voluminous to describe here, and they only partially represent who he was. I cannot recollect any particular thing he did that impressed all of us. What I do remember is that long before any of us understood the meaning of the word 'academician,' we experienced it just by being in his presence. Simply by entering a room he could raise the intellectual level of the discourse by a few notches. The icing on the cake was his humility and deeply caring nature. He was too busy dreaming up new ideas, always with his characteristic twinkle in his eyes, to think of petty things. So rest in peace, sir. We pray for you and your family, and we pray that we have the strength to uphold and pass on your legacy.

Anshu Dhar Jayal, on behalf of the batch of 1993.

-ADJ

Just ten days before his demise, Mr Das witnessed the release of his biography titled '*The Man Who Saw Tomorrow*.' Compassionate, eclectic and innovative — truly, Mr Shomie Das was aeons ahead of his times. In the early Ninties, when computers were a fairly rare sight, he got the Main Building classrooms wired up with computer connections! Earlier, Sanawar, which was steeped in military traditions, turned into a truly cosmopolitan school under his stewardship. He got students and teachers from all across India and overseas. He broke a century-old tradition and introduced mixed dining for girls and boys! But what stands out about him is his compassion and the personal touch that he gave to every relationship. I am fortunate to have felt that personal touch having grown up under him as a student and then as teacher. I feel I have lost a part of me but I am not the only one — there are thousands of Mayoites, Sanawarians, and Doscors who must be feeling the same way!

-PMV

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सत्यश्रवा शर्मा

हिन्दी की विकास यात्रा भले ही कितनी भी लंबी हो लेकिन आज अपने वर्तमान स्वरूप में हिन्दी एक नई भाषा है। एक ऐसी भाषा जिसके पास संसार की किसी भी भाषा से बड़ा शब्दों का भण्डार है। आज हिन्दी बाज़ार की भाषा है, आज हिन्दी व्यापार की भाषा है, आज हिन्दी वोट माँगने की भाषा है, आज हिन्दी संचार और संपर्क की भाषा है, हर भारतीय के तर्क की भाषा है और हर रूप में वह अपना तेज़ी से विस्तार करती जा रही है। किसी भी भाषा का ये एक नैसर्गिक गुण है कि उसके आस-पड़ोस और परिवेश में लंबे समय तक सुने, बोले और प्रयोग में लाए जाने वाले शब्द सहज ही उस भाषा का हिस्सा बन जाते हैं। पहले बोलचाल में और फिर उसके लिखित रूप में भी शामिल और स्वीकृत हो जाते हैं। इसी से वो भाषा और भी समृद्ध होती जाती है। हिन्दी के साथ भी कुछ ऐसा ही है। ना जाने कितनी ही भाषाओं के शब्द लंबे समय तक अनायास ही धीरे-धीरे इस्तेमाल होते रहने के चलते हिन्दी में शामिल हुए और स्वीकृत हुए लेकिन वहीं आम बोलचाल की भाषा में एक चिंता यह भी है कि हम सभी हिन्दी बोलने की बजाय 'हिंगलिश' बोलने का प्रयास करते हैं और अपनी बोलचाल की भाषा में हिन्दी के साथ अंग्रेज़ी के इतने शब्द अनजाने में ही मिला देते हैं कि हिन्दी के मूल शब्दों से दूर होते चले जाते हैं जबकि हिन्दी में ही उनके सरल शब्द खूब सुलभ हैं। यहाँ अंग्रेज़ी या अन्य भाषाओं से मेरा कोई विरोध नहीं है बल्कि हिन्दी तो अन्य भाषाओं के शब्दों से और अधिक समृद्ध ही हुई है, लेकिन अपनी मातृभाषा को दरकिनार कर, उसकी उपेक्षा कर हम हिन्दी का भला नहीं कर सकते। हम हिन्दी के प्रयोग में इतनी मिलावट भी न कर दें कि हिन्दी के मूल स्वरूप से ही दूर होते चले जाएँ।

अंग्रेज़ी व अन्य सभी भाषाओं का अपना महत्त्व और आवश्यकता है और उसी के अनुसार उन्हें सीखना भी आवश्यक है। अच्छा होगा कि हम बहुभाषी बनें और भाषाओं के प्रयोग में दक्ष हों, उन पर समान अधिकार रखें। हिन्दी के सुविख्यात लेखक, कवि, नाटककार और सामाजिक विचारक धर्मवीर भारती, जिन्होंने अपने एक लेख में लिखा कि हम अपने बच्चों के मुँह से 'जैक एंड जिल' सुनकर फूले नहीं समाते पर वहीं दूसरी तरफ ये भूल जाते हैं कि यदि बच्चों को बचपन से ही 'जाति पाति पूछे नहीं कोई, हरि को भजे सो हरि को होई', ये भी पढ़ाया जा सकता है।

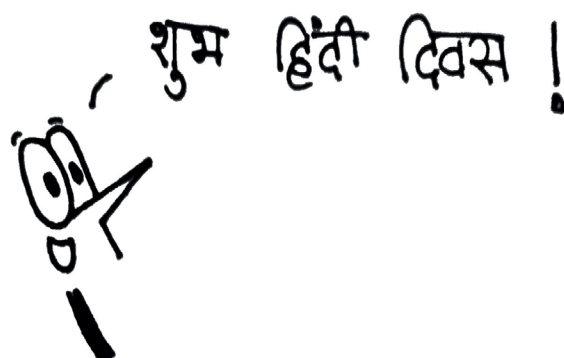
यदि हिन्दी के शब्दों को हम बरतेंगे नहीं तो निश्चित ही एक दिन वो कठिन लगने लगेंगे। जैसा कि हमारी आज की पीढ़ी के साथ हो रहा

है। अब हम रंगों के नाम, दिन-महीनों के नाम, फलों के, सब्जियों के नाम, रिश्तों के नाम, धातुओं के नाम, संख्या, घर-दफ़्तर का पता सब हिन्दी में बोलना भूलने लगे हैं। आखिरी बार हमने पोस्टमैन को डाकिया, कारपेंटर को बढ़ई, टेलर को दर्ज़ी, कुक को रसोइया या बावर्ची कब बोला था। अब हम हिन्दी बोलने की जगह हिंग्रेज़ी बोलने का प्रयास कर रहे हैं। हिन्दी में विकास की अपार सम्भावनाएं हैं। भाषा के स्तर पर भी और व्यक्ति और व्यक्तित्व के सन्दर्भ में भी। हिन्दी में वार्तालाप का एक छोटा सा उदाहरण लिया जाए, जैसे – "विंटर में जनरली स्किन ड्राई हो जाती है। अच्छा लिसेन, मेरी डॉक्टर का म्यूज़िक में बड़ा इंटरेस्ट है। उसकी साइंस और मैथ्स में भी स्ट्रॉन्ग मेमोरी है, बस हिन्दी में थोड़ी वीक है।" इसकी बजाय अगर हम यह कहते कि, "सर्दियों में आमतौर पर त्वचा रूखी हो जाती है। अच्छा सुनो, मेरी बेटी की संगीत में बहुत रुचि है। वह विज्ञान और गणित में काफी अच्छी है। याददाश्त तो उसकी बहुत तेज़ है, बस हिन्दी में ही ज़रा कमजोर है", तो शायद वह हिन्दी में कमज़ोर ना होती। हमारी भाषाएँ मात्र भाषा का अक्षर ज्ञान नहीं है, हमारी भाषाएँ एक संस्कृति है, संस्कार है, परंपरा है, मूल्य है, आत्मीयता है, संवेदना है और निस्संदेह हिन्दी इन सब गुणों को सहज ही अपने भीतर समेटे हुए है। हिन्दी के मूर्धन्य कवि कुँवर नारायण जी की कविता से कुछ पंक्तियाँ याद आती हैं –

एक पेड़ जब सूखता
सबसे पहले सूखते,
उसके सबसे कोमल हिस्से-
उसके फूल, उसकी पत्तियाँ।

एक भाषा जब सूखती है,
शब्द खोने लगते अपना कवित्व,
भावों की ताज़गी और विचारों की सत्यता।

इसलिए भाषाएँ हमारी समृद्ध साहित्यिक परंपरा, हमारे इतिहास, हमारी संस्कृति का हिस्सा हैं। हमें अपनी भाषाओं को सूखने नहीं देना है। इसी कामना के साथ पुनः हिन्दी दिवस की अनेकानेक शुभकामनाएँ।





The Week Gone By

Arjun Prakash

By the time you are reading this section, dear reader, you are one of two people: the first, having studied diligently throughout the term, is eager to establish themselves on School’s academic radar of excellence, or the second, having indulged in the tomfoolery of an average Autumn term Dosco, is struggling to drown his morning anxiety in a lukewarm cup of banana-infused milk. As for myself though, I seem to fall into another category: one whose casual post-football Volini usage has almost drained the Wellness Centre of the same precious resource.

The prelude to test week has been...exactly what you’d expect

to see within these walls at this time of the year: chaotic, intense, and rewarding. Off the back of an immensely competitive Inter-House Music Competition, the Main Field saw its footballing gladiators (which is basically everyone at this point) battle it out through insurmountable weather conditions, with the sixth House, Rain, dampening the Eagles’ hopes of a grand party reaching fruition. Credit to the resolute Nizams though, whose master class has meant that the Shield’s location in School will not move an inch for a second consecutive year. After a plethora of changes in format, breaks in matches, and injury lists, however, this year’s mega competition truly felt like an obstacle course rather than a marathon. And for the future, we must be prepared to learn from our shortcomings to ensure a more efficient experience for everyone involved.

Speaking of efficiency elsewhere, the caffeine in the MCR seems rather inviting these days, particularly for the persevering Sc Form, whose late nights and even ‘later’ mornings, have quite ironically resulted in more yellow cards being given outside the football pitch than on it. Judging by the latest trends, I wouldn’t be surprised if someone gets sent off in extra time.

Time, however, is of the essence as they say. And we are collectively running a race against it. You’ll see your subject teachers jumping from one place to the other to ensure the last minute worksheets are provided, batchmates praying a little longer than usual, and your test invigilator counting down the seconds as if you were a Hunger Games participant. Until that moment in time, best of luck, and as always, share your next dessert with the School Captain.

Word Search | Words in English Derived from Hindi and Urdu

- 1. This word refers to thief or criminal with violent intentions in both languages.
- 2. To steal or plunder something in both languages.
- 3. A loose or comfortable trouser often worn with a traditional *Kurta* in India.
- 4. A one storeyed low house in both English and Hindi.
- 5. A Hindu priest as well as an expert in a particular field.
- 6. A huge, powerful and overwhelming force which shares its name with a Hindu god.
- 7. A type of storm which has derived its name from Urdu.
- 8. A pickled condiment generally had with curry.
- 9. A commonplace bathroom item which comes from the Hindi word meaning ‘to massage one’s head’.
- 10. A place with wildlife.

L J F T K P E E D H U T D T P C O O E L
F V W S M H U U R B N O O H P Y T L G X
W M I F G E P N X C L K V U E Z G G I U
Q G N I E D K L D Y K H L G Z N Y E N U
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R O W L Y B B C W O L A G N U B R Y K A
I T R H K M H P K K N A J S M W S S S M

Answers	3. Pajama	6. Juggernaut	9. Shampoo
1. Thief	5. Pundit	8. Chutney	10. Jungle

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