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

The Doon School Weekly interviewed Brigadier Sudhir Chamoli, Commander of the 116 Infantry Brigade.

The Doon School Weekly (DSW): How significant was Operation Sindoor in shaping India's geopolitical outlook in the coming years?

Brigadier Sudhir Chamoli (BSC): As I mentioned in the presentation, over the past decade, we've shown our intent in a calibrated manner. In 2016, after the Uri attack in which the casualties were Indian security personnel, we targeted the terrorists inside their camps. In 2019, after Pulwama, we went beyond the Line of Control and struck Balakot that was in Pakistan's territory using the Air Force, instead of using ground troops which marked a shift in our response.

After the Pahalgam attack, which aimed to incite religious tension and send a message to our leadership, we responded with a wider strike. We hit nine terrorist camps using both the Army and the Air Force. When Pakistan retaliated by targeting civilian and military areas with drones and artillery, we responded by striking military installations deep inside their territory. This showed that we are willing to take the initiative.

Globally, it sent a message. Before the operation, our leadership made it clear that retaliation would come at a time and place of our choosing. That's exactly what we did. The world now understands that India has the political will to respond decisively. Our forces are always ready, but what matters is the political intent. Operation Sindoor made it clear that

India will not tolerate threats to its sovereignty.

DSW: What does this operation mean for India's future relations with Pakistan?

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BSC: Our relationship with Pakistan has always been shaped by conflict — from the wars of 1947–48, 1965, 1971, and 1999 to major incidents like the 2001 Parliament attack when we were just short of war and now Operation Sindoor. Anti-terror operations have been ongoing throughout. Improvement in relations will only happen when a stable, democratically elected government holds power in Pakistan and when the people there realise that supporting terrorism only

harms them. We share a history, a culture, a language, even a cuisine. We were one country once. When peace becomes a priority for Pakistan's civil society, relations can improve. But for now, India's stand is clear: talks and terror cannot go hand in hand.

DSW: As a former Army spokesperson, how did you maintain transparency, especially in an age of misinformation and viral content?

BSC: One has to do two things: be prompt and accurate. In today's environment, if we delay, someone else fills the gap — often with false narratives. As soon as I get the information, I should pass it on to the media. I have to tell the facts — the 'correct facts'. Case in point was Operation Sindoor when all the nine strikes were over by 1:31 a.m. on 7th May. I took out the press release to national and international media immediately through mail or through my whatsapp, even while it was still early morning in India. Within no time, the news that India had targeted nine terrorist camps came out in the media, before Pakistan could have realised it.

In contrast, during the 2019 Balakot strike, we delayed the announcement. Pakistan used that window to spin their version of events. We learned from that. Being prompt and factual builds credibility and allows us to control the narrative before misinformation spreads. And yes, whenever there is fake news or a fake narrative that

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FALLING WICKETS

Following are the results of the Inter-House Cricket Competition:

Juniors:

- 1st: Hyderabad
- 2nd: Oberoi
- 3rd: Kashmir
- 4th: Jaipur
- 5th: Tata

Mediums:

- 1st: Jaipur
- 2nd: Oberoi
- 3rd: Tata
- 4th: Hyderabad
- 5th: Kashmir

Seniors:

- 1st: Jaipur
- 2nd: Kashmir
- 3rd: Tata
- 4th: Oberoi
- 5th: Hyderabad

House:

- 1st: Jaipur
- 2nd: Oberoi
- 3rd: Tata
- 4th: Kashmir
- 5th: Hyderabad

Well Done!

Around the World in 80 Words

Russia was struck by an earthquake of magnitude 8.8, sparking tsunami waves across the Pacific Ocean. Myanmar’s junta ended the country’s state of emergency and will start preparing for elections. The NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) satellite was successfully launched to track climate threats from space. Lieutenant General Pushpendra Singh was appointed as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff. Al Nassr signed the Portuguese footballer Joao Felix. Indian chess grandmaster, Divya Deshmukh won the Women’s Chess World Cup.

THE WHO?

Who is Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor?

- Jaydhen Bhutia: A Singer
- Ransher Mann: A Content creator
- Arsh Mishra: An Entrepreneur
- Mahek Kumar: A Scientist
- Keshav Kumar: A Rugby player

Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor was more commonly known as **Queen Elizabeth II**. She served in the British Army during World War II as a mechanic and military truck driver, becoming the first member of the Royal Family to serve in the armed forces. She was the **longest-reigning monarch in British history (1952–2022)** and deeply influenced global affairs throughout her tenure.

UNQUOTABLE QUOTES

- What would you make if you were a master-cooker.*
Laksh Baheti, the next Gordon Ramsey.
- Start working your work.*
Madhav Mehra, professionally confused.
- I can find this modulus function through my eyes.*
Sumehr Bhatia, a visionary failure.
- No bro, I am sharing detailed details with you.*
Krish Agrawal, real stickler for numbers.
- We need more boys who are open-mindedness.*
NAS, embracing IB.

Dosco Doodle

Playing 11

Reyansh Agarwal

FUTSAL VETERAN

WHEN THE PITCH GROWS THE SKILLS SHRINK



WHY ISN'T FOOTBALL 5 v 5?!

OVERALL - **
SPEED AND STAMINA - *
SKILL - * * *
OVER-EXPECTATIONS - ***

FIFA ADDICT

SHOULD STICK TO THE CONTROLLER...



ONLY IF WE PLAYED LIKE I DO ONLINE

OVERALL - *
SPEED, SKILL, STAMINA - *
EGO - * * * *
DELUSION - * * * *

TRYHARD

WORKED HIS WHOLE LIFE FOR THIS MOMENT



OK, CALM DOWN, NO PRESSURE, IT'S OK, I'LL SCORE AM I OVERTHINKING? CALM DOWN...

OVERALL - * * * *
SPEED, SKILL, STAMINA - * * * *
HIT OR MISS CHANCE - * * * *
ANXIETY - * * * *

BENCHWARMER

ENDS UP BEING THE WATER-PAGGER



UHM... CAN YOU SOB ME IN?
GET ME ORS, WATER-BOY!

OVERALL - * * *
SPEED, SKILL, STAMINA - NO
ORS MAKING ABILITY - * * * *
CHEERING - * * * *

THE FILLER

HAS NEVER TOUCHED A BALL, FORCED TO PLAY



NOOOOO!!! DO NOT CATCH THE BALL!!

OVERALL - *
SPEED, SKILL, STAMINA - *
LOST - * * * *
PRACS REGULARITY - *

WANNABE MESSI

TRIES TO BE COOL LIKE MESSI, BUT OF COURSE, FAILS



RAINBOW! AHH... ALMOST THERE.

OVERALL - * * *
SPEED, SKILL, STAMINA - * * *
CELEBRATIONS - * * * *
SOLO FAILURE - * * * *

IN HOUSE NEYMAR

FALLS AT THE LIGHTEST TOUCHES, GETS YOU FOULS



AAAAGH! REF, FOUL!

OVERALL - * * *
SPEED, SKILL, STAMINA - * * *
GENUINE INJURY PRONE - *
FAKE INJURY PRONE - * * * *

WONDERKID

TALENTED AND GENUINE. SWEAT, BLOOD, GLORY.



OVERALL - * * * *
SPEED, SKILL, STAMINA - * * * *
FINESSE - * * * *
HARDWORK - * * * *

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is being spread on any of the social media platforms, you have to counter it; you counter it through your verified handles, through your media houses (which would be telling the correct information). And you know on social media, let's say we take an example of X. A fake narrative, if it has been given in an X post, can only be countered if there are more correct messages against that post. So that fake narrative goes down there. So there comes the role of each and every citizen of India, whoever is using a mobile, and more so the youth, the future of our country, to assist the nation in countering such fake narratives, which may create some turmoil or some wrong things in the world.

DSW: When civilians post videos mid-operation, and it goes viral, does that ever affect the operation directly?

BSC: It happens. It happens many times, because by the time an operation starts, it's not just social media. Word of mouth also spreads quickly. A fake narrative might reach nearby villages even before we can counter it online. People are human — when there's an information void, the mind tends to accept whatever

input it gets first.

In such situations, we rely on our security and paramilitary forces to keep rogue or misguided individuals away from the area and to clarify facts when necessary. During counter-terror operations, even when a local Kashmir terrorist is firing from a house, we make every effort — until the very last moment — to get him to surrender. He is, after all, a citizen of our country who has been misled.

We try everything, including involving his family. We often connect him with his parents via video call to convince him to lay down arms. But if that fails, we act in the interest of the safety of civilians and our personnel. As you rightly pointed out, there are measures in place to ensure fake narratives or the panic they create do not interfere with operations.

DSW: Many of our alumni have served in the forces. What would you say to current students who are considering joining?

BSC: The Army isn't a profession you choose for comfort or money. It's for those who want to live life to the fullest. I joined right after Class 12 through NDA because I wanted an adventurous life. The Army gives you experiences you can't get anywhere else — living on glaciers at 19,000 feet,

leading men in high-risk operations, holding diverse roles.

I've served in the infantry, the Gorkhas, and as spokesperson for the Ministry of Defence. If I had been an engineer, I'd likely have done the same thing every day. But in the Army, every day is different. If you're looking for a meaningful, adventurous life — not just service to the country, but an opportunity to push your own limits — the Army is unmatched. I hope one day a Dosco returns to School and says he was the one who flew the mission for the next major army operation.

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Until We Meet Again...

The Doon School Weekly bids farewell to **Mr Dwayne D'Costa** and **Ms Preeti Misal**. On this occasion their friends, students, and colleagues share their thoughts on their time spent together.

In the short time I've known DSD Sir, he has become someone I deeply admire and trust. He was never just a tutor to me, but rather a friend, mentor, and guide who made a lasting impact on my life in ways I never expected. Despite the short span we spent together, I formed a bond with him that felt both natural and lasting. He had this incredible ability to make me feel heard and understood, no matter what I was going through. I could talk to him about anything - school, personal thoughts, or even the most random things—and I always knew I'd receive a kind, thoughtful, and non-judgmental response. What I'll never forget are our late-night conversations, when time seemed to fade away and we could speak about everything under the sun. Those moments were special, not because of what we talked about, but because of the way he listened, understood, and made me feel truly valued. Even though our time together wasn't long, the positive impact he has left on me is undeniable. I hope I get the chance to see him again soon. People like DSD Sir are rare - genuine, kind, and unforgettable.

-Soumik Agarwalla



My time with DSD sir was nothing short of extraordinary, he managed to teach me so much in the 4 years he was with me. As soon as I met him in our first tutorial meeting I somehow felt that I could trust him to guide me through the quirky ways of Doon. Expectedly, he was a mentor to many from the community holding everyone to a standard of being a decent human whether it was his classroom or the corridors of Tata House. Once, he even served our form in the CDH at lunch just for the experience, most of the time you could not discern him from a dosco, as he roamed around in the grey tracksuit. He was a master very close to me and my last year will feel incomplete without his presence but I wish him full steam ahead!

-Shrikritt Jajoo

It is with mixed emotions I bid farewell to our young, energetic, and dynamic colleague, Mr. Dwayne D'Costa, who had been an integral part of the Humanities department for the past four years. From the very beginning, he brought a refreshing energy into the classroom, consistently engaging students through innovative teaching methods and fostering a love for the subject. His ability to design unique and meaningful learning experiences, both inside and outside the classroom, made geography come alive for students. Especially, outdoor sessions under his guidance were not just educational but also thoroughly enjoyable for all involved. As a colleague, he was prompt, reliable, and consistently brought forth fresh, out-of-the-box ideas that added great value to our departmental initiatives. While it is difficult to see him go, I am happy for the professional journey he is about to undertake and have no doubt that he will continue to inspire and make a difference wherever he goes. On behalf of the entire community, I wish him the very best in all his future endeavours. Stay curious, stay passionate!

-ARD

DSD Sir was always a warm and calming presence in the classroom. Despite the curriculum being quite rigid, he always stressed on critical thinking and thoroughly analysing whatever we learn in class. His unique approach to teaching outside the classroom added sprinkles of colour to otherwise mundane days. A calm and composed presence, I will forever remember sir as the 'chill guy' who I could approach with ease at any moment, even with the dumbest of doubts. As Sir leaves School, I wish the very best for his future endeavours and that he may carry his joyous spirit to his next classroom.

-Devansh Mondal



Clear, professional, and empathetic — that's how I'll always describe Preeti. I noticed her fierce dedication and strength right from the moment we met and then when we started working together. She had a way of handling every situation - with students, parents, or staff - with honesty that was often brutal but grounded in wisdom. In a room, she has always been a strong presence, a trusted voice in the pastoral team, and a rock for those who turned to her. I soon learnt that she had a deep commitment to causes beyond the classroom. I worked closely with her on some community service projects and saw firsthand how she brought both structure and soul to them. I will always remember her contribution to reviving our school's partnership with a local correctional facility. She breathed new life into it and her process has been a learning experience for me. Preeti's ability to foster warm relationships made her not just a great colleague, but a dear friend. Her presence on campus will be missed.

-MMR

It was covid times, and the School was on the lookout for a wellbeing counsellor. Preeti, not surprisingly, was a force to reckon with even online, when I first met her for the job interview. She was forthright and frank, showing conviction and a belief in mental wellbeing for all – children and adults, alike. Her commitment to helping children navigate through their troubles was very evident.

From the first online life skills demo session in 2021 to the last class she took before leaving on the 15th of July, Preeti communicated effortlessly with the students, showcasing a healthy and wholesome connect. Her tough exterior and professional zeal was not always well received but she remained undeterred in her support for those in need. Beyond the counsellor's role, her involvement with the School's social service initiative at the local jail was enthusiastic and heartfelt.

A great cook, a caring member of the community, a compulsive walker and wanderer – are a few little known facts about her. Always up for a challenge, Preeti has chosen to take her life elsewhere and explore newer horizons, and for that spirit, I commend her, and wish her the very best of times in Mumbai!

-STK

Some people come into our lives and quietly make everything better. They don't look for recognition, but they leave an impression. Our school counselor, Preeti ma'am, is one such remarkable person. She has touched our hearts in ways that words can hardly express. She has been the quiet force behind our biggest victories and the most compassionate rock when we needed it most. In a world that often moves too fast, she provided us with a respite, a space to pause, reflect, and be heard. Her office was more than just a place; it was a safe haven where we could openly share our dreams, fears, and doubts. Preeti ma'am saw past our accomplishments and grades. She saw us as distinct individuals with emotions, difficulties, an untapped potential. In ways that words can scarcely describe, she has touched our hearts. Preeti Ma'am has been the unsung hero behind our greatest triumphs and the most sympathetic pillar of support during our most trying times. She gave us a break, a place to stop, think, and be heard in a world that frequently moves too quickly. Her office was more than just a location; it was a secure space where we could freely express our hopes, anxieties, and uncertainties.

-Chitransh Gulati

I often find myself at a loss for words when trying to describe my time with PSM Ma'am. I have a myriad of memories with her, having visited her house multiple times throughout my school life, talking over coffee, conversations that meandered from academics to life, from fears to dreams. She never sugar-coated the truth, but somehow, even her toughest lessons left you feeling seen, not judged. She taught me how to think, not just what to think. Whether it was a quiet conversation in her office or an unspoken understanding in the middle of chaos, she had an uncanny ability to make you feel like you weren't alone and if emotions didn't fix us, her scrumptious cooking often did. She carried our worries with grace, listened without interruption, and offered the kind of advice that didn't just fix problems but helps us grow through them. To say that PSM Ma'am changed lives would be an understatement. She saved them.

-Shantanu Shingari

The Week Gone By

Kanishk Bammi

Another year, another week, and another (hopefully) funnier *Week Gone By*.

As the skies opened up and the Main Field took the consistency of CDH *Khichdi*, football finally returned to Chandbagh this week. Games have been intense and competitive, barring a few, as the little medium-sized Nizams took a book out of the page of the previous year’s ‘Big’ Swans. 2025 truly has been a year of surprises. PSG winning the Champions League. Tottenham finally winning a trophy. RCB winning the IPL (still haven’t wrapped my head around that one), and Oberoi House trying to pull off a prime Leicester City

run. It’s been raining as well, and events all around School have been using the weather as an opportunity for more promotion (as if the reels weren’t enough). The umbrellas are good, though, because as of late, they are now a part of our School uniform. Uniform that we all conveniently forget at times.

In the School’s bid to make us future-ready, a fresh cohort of DoscOs was exposed to the exciting world of **gambling** fantasy sports this week. Like they say, you ought to catch them young. Although the DSFL site is buggy (as always), the players don’t seem to mind, as the Grandslam has got them feeling like people are picking them to be a part of their FPL XI. Am I the only one who feels like we should have a Fantasy Sports Center of Excellence, or is this idea ahead of its time?

Today is also the first day of YEC,

and due to my personal involvement in the event, I feel like I should say that it’s amazing. Jokes aside though, while many have questioned our ability to get School called off (I tried, I promise), I do hope that the rest of it goes according to plan.

I know it seems like every *Week Gone By* has its own little whiny bit about us DoscOs being tired, overworked, and sleepy, but to be honest — that really is what happens every week. With all these competitions and IPSCs springing up every other week, catching a break seems like the toughest thing to do right now. The week I get to go back to the House after lunch and sleep, I promise we’ll stop, but until then I’m afraid we always have sleepy DoscOs to turn to when we run out of ideas for things to put into this section of the *Weekly*. Well then, I have an IA to submit, so that’s all you get for now. It’s Krishiv next week. I know you’ll miss me.

Wordsearch | Indian Entrepreneurs

- 1. Once a struggling businessman from Gujarat, he founded India’s biggest Petrochemicals empire.
- 2. This visionary industrialist led the Tata Group to global success and is known for his philanthropy
- 3. An engineer who co-founded Infosys, he is celebrated for revolutionising India’s IT sector
- 4. This former teacher gamified learning and made digital educational resources into one of the world’s most profitable ventures
- 5. A trading genius, he became India’s youngest self-made billionaire, without a college degree.
- 6. A pioneering biotechnologist who founded Biocon, she has become a global leader in the healthcare industry.
- 7. This tycoon founded one of India’s biggest conglomerates and was also a survivor of the 26/11 terror attacks.
- 8. A fiery individual, known for starting BharatPe and becoming a household name after appearing on Shark Tank India.

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

- 1. Ambani
- 2. Tata
- 3. Murthy
- 4. Byju
- 5. Kamath
- 6. Mazumdar
- 7. Adani
- 8. Crover

Answers:

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