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# RIGINALS

## Science Fest Positions

### Final Results

1ST - SANTOSHI

2ND - GAYATRI

3RD - LAKSHMI

## CELEBRATION OF SCIENCE

~ Snigdha Jain, Cultural Captain

*“Science is never about why but rather about why not.”*

Echoing Alchemy, the E-Science Fest organised by the Science Society under the supervision of Mr J.K. Dash, HOD Science, was held on 24th and 25th of July 2020. It motivated students to unfold their potentials, exhibit their expertise and ingenuity about science even in these challenging junctures. This event led students to gain practical knowledge regarding the use of science in one's daily life. The Fest, based on various Inter-House competitions, had students participating with full zeal and interest, striving to be winners. It consisted of numerous events: A Science Quiz, Mastering Extempore, and a Poster Competition. The Quiz gave the young and budding minds of the students, from the Primary and Middle sections, a chance to demonstrate their knowledge in the field of science. As for the Extempore, students of the Middle and Senior section witnessed spontaneous interactions on the topics handpicked by the judges. The Poster Competition conducted for students in the Middle section and the Senior section gave them a chance to exhibit their thoughts through art since “Art is not what you see but what you make others see”. Participants from every category and house displayed a show of tremendous talent and intellect in every competition. The result of the two-day event left everyone astonished as Santoshi House beat Gayatri House to emerge as the winners while Lakshmi house backed the third position, by a fair margin.

## 2020 EDUCATION POLICY: A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

~ Arya Rajput

The Indian government has replaced the 34-year-old national policy on the Education System with the New Education Policy of 2020. The government has made sweeping reforms at all levels of school and higher education.

The New Education System has dropped the 10+2 structure of the school curriculum and replaced it with a 5+3+3+4 curricular structure. The first five years will be Preschool, years 6 to 8 will be Middle School, and years 8 to 11 High School, and 12 onwards Graduation. Vocational courses will be provided for grades 6 and up, and students will have the liberty to choose their subjects from grade 8. The three languages learned by the children will depend on the state and the student. ‘Bagless’ days are encouraged throughout the year for various types of enrichment activities. A uniform new teacher training board is going to be set up for all teachers in the country. To reduce the stress surrounding board exams, it will be conducted in 2 parts - Objective and Descriptive. The syllabus will be reduced to only the core knowledge of any subject, with more focus on practicals and application-based knowledge. A single authority will govern all higher education.

All graduation courses will have a Major and a Minor. For example, Science students can have Physics as Major and Music as Minor; students can choose any combination. All bachelor's degrees will be for 4 years. The University Grants Commission (UGC) and the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) will be merged. All universities - government, private, open, deemed, vocational - will have uniform grading and rules. A credit system for graduation will be used, wherein for each year of the course, the student will get credits that they can utilise if the individual takes a break and comes back again later to complete the course. For any graduation course, if the student completes 1 year, they will get a basic certificate; if 2 years are completed, a diploma certificate will be provided; for a full course, students will receive a degree certificate. This will ensure that a student's year will not be in vain if they break the course in between. The policy also allows top foreign universities to set up campuses in India and IIT (Indian Institute of Technology) institutions will be turning into multi-disciplinaries. Based on its rating (the same level of accreditation given to all colleges), colleges will get autonomous rights and funds.

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## ASSIMILATING GENEROSITY

~ Jia Juneja, Social Service Captain

“Let’s not lose hope in humanity, instead live to help others. We can make a difference.” ~ Anonymous

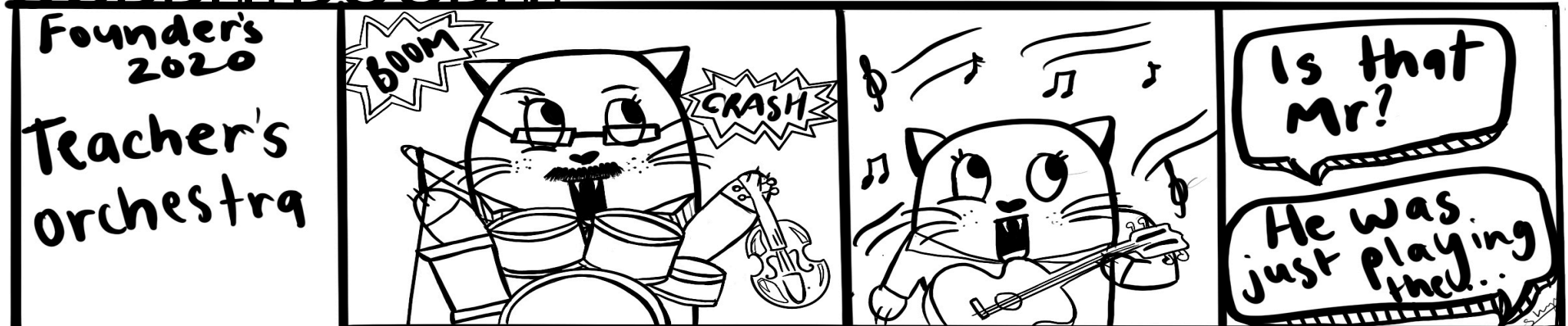
Out of all our aspirations today, there is nothing more important than understanding and comprehending the need for humanity. After the recent outbreak of the deadly COVID-19, we realised that our lives are not the same anymore. Some are deprived of food, some of education, some have no roof above them, multiple people have lost their subsistence and few have lost their loved ones but what keeps us alive amidst it all is HOPE. As the pandemic sweeps through the world, we must re-assess the principles that guide us, individually and the way we operate in society. In the face of crisis, we must lead our lives with the motive, 'Service to Humanity is Service to God'. For instance, the Mistars and the school authorities being a support to one another take their strides forward to serve for humanity by various forms of community aid. The act of charity was also well noticed when the people served the migrants with food and water when they were leaving. During these tumultuous times, we need to join our hands together and help one another, as each life is precious.

## CELEBRATING OUR ROOTS ON SCREEN

~ Gurleen Kaur Dhillon

Ever thought we would be celebrating a school cultural event in the comfort of our own homes, online? I’d never! Despite the technological advancement, it took immense hard work and determination to put together the amazing performances in short clips. However, students put in their best foot forward to make it a success. The highlight of the event was undoubtedly the teachers' performance which indeed was spectacular. The student performances comprised of divine dance performances, a humorous and empathetic skit and a fusion of melodious songs. All their efforts truly paid off as the event was appreciated by every spectator present on the virtual screen. Each and every participant performed with utmost grace and confidence. I was stunned and truly loved the show. Being a new student who has yet not been fortunate to attend such a function within the warmth of MIS, I thereafter wanted to be present in school and perform on the school stage. I wished to have celebrated my first Founders' Day at MIS, amongst the new friends I have made. However, the hard work the students had put to make this year's Founders' Day a success is truly commendable.

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## A STRING OF LOVE ON THE WRIST

~ Riddhima Agarwal



Raksha Bandhan, meaning the ‘bond of protection’ is a famous Hindu festival that beautifully captures the everlasting bond shared between a brother and his sister. It fell on August 3, this year. The Mistars seemed enthusiastic and ecstatic to celebrate one of the most joyous rituals in their own homes for the first time. On this auspicious day, the sister ties a thread called a 'Rakhi' on her brother’s wrist. Consequently, the brother vows to protect her from all dangers of life. They wear new clothes and exchange sweets and the day is filled with fun, endless love, and lip-smacking delicacies to celebrate the special bond.

## JOURNEY THROUGH THE MYSTERIOUS GLOBE

- UN Report says North Korea might just have developed Nuclear Devices for its missiles.
- US President, Donald Trump, states that TikTok must sell its US operations or it will be banned in the US.
- The Beirut explosion ricks Lebanon’s capital city, 2,750 tonnes of ammonium nitrate exploded.
- Google goes under investigation by the EU for 2.1 million dollars.
- Thousands remain evacuated in Southern California due to ‘Apple Fire’.



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## THE COMMUNIST MASTERS

~ Tenzin Nyidon

“Gyakar” (white land, pure land called India in Tibetan) has given me things that I could not get on my own land Tibet, the land ruled by the communist masters. In Tibetan “Gyanak” means the dark land, China. We as humans have never despised the Chinese but the wicked leaders of the Maoist community. The main motto they have had occupying Tibet were the resources, the freshwaters and the minerals. All they do now is destroy the resourceful lands and exploit them. Cases have frequently been occurring of Tibetans self-immolating in the name of “phayul” (Tibet addressed as fatherland), freedom and their desires to have a glimpse of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama. One of the many events that had caused a mass shock by the justification of the CCP (Chinese Communist Party) was where an ordinary Tibetan girl named Tsering Tso was brutally raped and hung off a bridge in a town near her home. This 27 years old supported her family by herding yaks (Tibet’s national animal) and harvesting caterpillar fungus which is used for medical purposes on the grasslands of Tibet. What is even more distressing is this is an event that took place in October 2015.

When this event occurred, family and local villagers gathered outside the locality’s police station in Chalong to demand answers. The authorities without any investigation claimed that it was a suicide. Family and friends sensed treachery and claimed for an investigation. An angry crowd stormed but did not yield weapons, stones were thrown at the office building and police car whilst the Chinese armies who were out with weapons responded brutally on the following days. On October 10, five days after discovering Tsering Tso’s body, hundreds of armed soldiers arrived at the town and descended at her funeral ceremony at Raghya (in Tibetan) in China’s western Sichuan province. Witnesses said that over 40 people were tied up and beaten with metal clubs, piled into a truck like “corpses” and were placed in detention. This is and has always been, how they prove their authority in Tibet and spread a sense of fear. An open letter was sent to President Xi Jinping asking for justice which later only set the release of the detained after months mostly on their way to the hospitals. But unexpectedly on May 20th, five relatives and family friends were sentenced to a two and a half years in prison. Acquaintances say they refused to sign a statement absolving the police of blame of Tsering Tso’s death. Unfair facts and news were spread but the social media accounts held under them, which later the

Imagine an 8-year-old kid being sexually assaulted by a 38-year-old man. Yes, it's gross, but just imagine. Now imagine the minor reporting him. And what does he say in his defence? He says "I'm a nine-year-old trapped in an adult's body." How ridiculously ludicrous and may I say disgusting. This is what is happening nowadays. This is exactly how disgusting paedophiles categorise themselves, they say, "We aren't doing anything illegal. We are just young kids stuck in an adult's body." Seriously? They describe themselves as 'Trans-age'. Yes, these people are trying to wriggle themselves in the LGBTQAI+ community. Camouflaging paedophilia as 'Trans-age' is demeaning for other members of the community. There is nothing wrong with being gay, trans, or any other part of the community that is why they have received the rights they deserve BUT 'Trans-age' is completely and utterly illegal and immoral. I understand that some people might be questioning my neutrality to the topic. To be honest, I am biased. However, trans-age is not only about paedophilia, but also about how people have been just leaving their current lives and frolicking around as kids, To prove myself, here's a case: 52-year-old Paul, just up and left his wife and SEVEN kids to identify as a 6-year-old girl, named Stefonknee Wolscht. Wolscht says that yes she was married and had children but now she has moved on and gone back to being a child. This is not it though, Stefonknee was adopted by her new parents and now lives with them as a younger sister to their granddaughter. The fact that Paul left his wife to raise seven kids alone to play with a kid who is almost one-eighth his age and also that Stefonknee's 'adopted' family actually accepted this and let a grown person play with and act like a younger sister to their child, who is actually 8-year-old in body, soul, and mind, is ludicrous to such a point I do not know what to say. Oh, and did I forget to mention? Paul is a transgender female. I strictly believe that age has no possibility of being altered. Age is not chronological, and time is not something that is up for interpretation. If being trans-age becomes a concept which is socially accepted, then what is it that will stop a minor from obtaining harmful objects just by identifying as an adult? What will ensure that the adults identifying as minors won't cause any safety issues?

family claimed that only during protests they threw stones and caused minor damages, but news claimed that they carried instruments like knives, iron pipes etc. Soon this led to a ruckus and the authoritarians claimed that the entire community was accused to “Splittism”--- a serious crime implying support for the Dalai Lama, the exiled religious leader of Tibet. Let’s just face the facts, President Xi is and was afraid of a simple monk, a monk who spoke only of compassion and kindness, of Ahimsa and Karuna and the Nalanda tradition of studies and teachings. During then the internet connections were cut off in Chalong township and the relatives of Tsering Tso were threatened with further punishment if they raised their voices to the outside world. They have been punished by scattering the nomads, the fields and also were said that the village will not receive any subsidy due to its “bad character”.

All the family wanted was an investigation, justice for their daughter’s murder and the freedom of the five men in jail. This very news had been recognised and covered by Washington Post on 26th August 2016 but the CCP has never considered answering of their unfair practices. It has been over five years now, there is still no justice, no enquiry and no investigation has taken place. All her 49 years old mother, Adhey said fighting with tears flowing down her cheeks was, “My daughter was healthy and happy; she would never commit suicide”.

Sources: IG - @phosa.mosa, Newsletter: Washington Post

\*\*How can you help at the moment? Your little efforts can help spread the word and on a bigger level and may even provide justice to late Tsering Tso, try to read more about what has exactly been happening in not only Tibet but in Hong Kong and to the Uyghur’s. Small beginnings lead to a huge outcome. Ally with the right causes.

## LOLITA IN REAL LIFE

~ Samiksha Singh

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## *The Diary of a Mistar*

Dear Diary,

Founders' is over. I still can not believe that we just celebrated Founders' last week, that too on a screen. This vacation has been going on for too long. Who would have thought that while I was begging Ma'am Meeta to stay back in school when everybody was busy packing to go home, I would just stay for an extra week with the Internationals and then would be forced to leave school because even the board exams were cancelled? Well, now it has been, what, four months? Now we have passed the Founders' time, half the year is gone, and we still do not know when we will go back. Honestly, it is the first Founders' show that I watched till the end in all the six years I have been here because we were not really allowed to back in school. We were all performing and would stay in our green rooms till our turn and after our performance, we would run up to the dorms to change and by the time we would submit our costumes and return, voila! The show is over! So yes, it felt good to watch the whole show for once. And mind you, the show was not inferior to the previous years in any sense. Hey! All my coordinator friends and our dear dear Cultural Captain, YOU ALL WERE AMAZING! Kudos to all of you!

Now that Founders' is covered, Rakhi is the next big thing. Congratulations Mistars! We are rich! Because of all the money we got as gifts! Rakhi away from school was not different at all, my Instagram feed (Same goes for our Chief Eddie and the rest of TOT) was filled with Mistars in traditionals, some solo, some tying rakhis and some with their dear brothers (Not every time, brothers are VERY annoying).

But it was not Founders' or Rakhi that the Mistars celebrated, rather it was the holidays we got from classes! Everybody loved the extended weekend and I am pretty sure everyone was very reluctant to resume classes on Wednesday. At least I was. Meet you in the next issue!

~ Samiksha Singh

## WHO MISSES AN OUTING ?

### Unscramble The Scrambled

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1. CCHI HEACCOOLT
  2. ERIC LOWB
  3. ASLKNGA
  4. MONODIS
  5. YMPSOH
  6. NATEVR
  7. EYLOLV MTELOETE
  8. MIPLREA
  9. F HTNA
  10. PU GETTAOC
  11. OMMS HIKNCTE
  12. SOOMM
  13. VEENTSRKE
  14. SMHEMAR
  15. TILLTE AAMLL EFAC

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| 2. RICE BOWL      |          |                |                   |           |               |             |                       | 7. LOVELY OMELETTE |
| 3. KATSANG        |          |                |                   |           |               |             |                       | 6. TAVERN          |
| 4. DOMINO'S       |          |                |                   |           |               |             |                       | 5. MY SHOP         |
- ANSWERS**



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