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Debating The Uniform Civil Code

A Clash of Ideologies Between the Government and the Opposition

LOK SABHA



The session was chaired by Speaker **Aarushi Bisht** acting as **Om Birla** and deputy speaker **Mridusha Bisht**. The motion to step into a General Speaker's List (GSL) was proposed by **Akhilesh Yadav**. The motion was passed in the committee with absolute majority with the first speaker of the Sabha being from the Union Government: our **Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi**. In his speech he straight away showed his support towards UCC and attacked the opposition fiercely. Others from the Union government were **Kiran Rijju**, Law Minister of our country who presented a neutral stance to the agenda. He, however, listed a set of promises that the Government

has fulfilled till now. An example being the **Abrogation of Article 370** and stated the need for '**One Nation One Law**'.

Chirag Paswan too declared neutrality on the UCC from the very start of his speech, although he did mention that different cultures have different practices and that the rights of all are protected and everyone's concerns are and should be heard. The speech was followed by **Tejasvi Surya** who supported UCC, having mentioned the malpractices that have happened in India due to no strict laws. He also mentioned that the UCC does not sacrifice the secularity of our country. Last from the Government was our **Home Minister, Amit Shah**. He, of course, strongly supported UCC and stated that equality and respect for all in an independent India is possible through UCC and the bill doesn't violate rights of citizens but instead helps them. The opposition, however, mentioned that the UCC is against the Right to Freedom of Religion enshrined in the constitution of India and it violates the rights as

minority as well. First from the opposition was **Dayanidhi Maran** followed by **Akhilesh Yadav**. **Rahul Gandhi** too said that the UCC compromises the constitution and is in favor of one religion as a strategy by the government. Last from the Opposition was **Asaduddin Owaisi** who mentioned the Sharia Law and also interrogated the government for the need of UCC when laws such as **Domestic Violence Act, Juvenile Justice Act, Hindu Succession Act, Hindu Adoption Act** exist. He also questioned why the UCC was being implemented now when the law makers didn't think it was important during independence itself. He attacked the government by saying that UCC is simply deviating attention from the real problems our country is currently facing. After the fierce speeches from both sides and a formal debate, **The Hindu** asked questions concerning the public. At last a Draft Resolution was passed and the committee was concluded.



Campus Chronicles

India in One Voice

• JUSTICE!!!

FOR KOLKATA RAPE AND MURDER CASE

“It has been 78 years since India’s independence and we still blame the victims!”

Medical professionals and students continue protesting across the nation in the name of the brutal rape and murder case in West Bengal.

- **INDIA AND US SIGN KEY DEFENCE SUPPLY PACT AS DEFENCE MINISTER BEGINS 4 DAYS VISIT**

As Defence Minister Rajnath Singh reached Washington DC on a four-day official visit, India and US signed two key pacts – a non-binding Security of Supply Arrangement (SOSA) and a Memorandum of Agreement regarding Assignment of Liaison Officers.

The SOSA will mandate the US and India to provide reciprocal priority support for goods and services that promote national defence.

- **INDIA BAGGED A TOTAL OF 6 MEDALS IN THE PARIS OLYMPICS 2024**

including a silver and five bronze medals, ranking the country in the 71st place on the medals tally.

“The secret of getting ahead is getting started.” – Mark Twain

Mid-term exams are about to start and so the anxiety level among the students is rising. Some have been preparing for exams since the beginning but still there are many who are yet to start. Obviously, hard work pays off and there’s no excuse for it. However, one can’t lose hope. Believe in the effort you and your teachers have put in throughout the year and aim for the best!

Remember to visualise success and to work towards it! And as the teachers like to say before every exam:

“Exams exist to help you improve, not berate you.”

All the very best students!

Underwater Tails!

Our students participated in Unison World School's Interschool Swim Meet on the 25th of August and we share pride in announcing that Gyananda bagged a total of 21 medals in the Junior and Senior Categories.

With **9 Gold Medals, 12 Silver Medals and 3 Bronze Medals**, our girls have brought back laurels we take immense pride in.

Congratulations to all the swimmers!!

CAREER FAIR AT THE DOON SCHOOL!

We are pleased to inform you that we have received an invitation to attend the Career Fair at 'The Doon School' on September 3, 2024 for students of Grades 11 and 12 to explore career options and interact with the representatives of various national and international universities.

Kindly ensure that you come to school in your neat and proper school uniform along with the ID Cards!

Surprise!!!



Mridusha: PSST! What's that? Are we nearing the 5th of September already?

Sharanya: Remember what's on that day?

Aaditri: Isn't that the day Silencer vowed to take revenge on the 3 Idiots in the movie?

Editorial Board: *facepalms*

Sharanya: Don't be like Aaditri here! Remember that Teacher's Day is coming up very, very soon.

Be sure to tell a teacher you're grateful for them this Thursday. Whether that be through a card, a simple sentence, a flower or perhaps...a little dance?

For more information on the latter, get in touch with our Cultural Captains!



"Gyananda in Action: Events and Learning

"The Rise of Content Creators: Gyananda Video Club's Story"- Mr. ZACHARY CHOPRA

A Journey of Resilience

The journey of the Video Club began a year ago with just two student members, but from day one, under the guidance of a "super stubborn" teacher in charge, there was no turning back. From exploring various videography techniques to doing video shoots based on trending reels, the wheels for an original long-term vision was finally set in motion.

This year with a total of 7 members, a monthly video project titled "Gyananda This Month" has commenced

on a monthly basis. So far 2 episodes have been aired on the club's YouTube Channel, "Content Creators Club, Gyananda", the first episode had a normal introductory approach but an "out of the box" approach has been implemented in the second episode, with one unique feature being the "Language Exchange". Scan the QR code and check out this fun filled interesting episode!



"Earthquake Drill Triumphs"

Prepared and Alert: Gyananda's Earthquake Drill Triumphs"- AADITRI PUNDIR

Successful Earthquake Evacuation Drill Raises Awareness Among Students



On 16th August 2024, an earthquake evacuation drill was conducted at our school, led by the IAYP Captain under the guidance of Philip Burrett Sir and Prabhu Dutta Lenka Sir. Prior to the drill, students were informed during an assembly that three distinct bell rings would serve as the signal to evacuate the building. They were also briefed on the key safety measures to follow during an evacuation, ensuring they understood the importance of staying calm and following procedures.

What made the drill particularly effective was

that students were unaware of the exact timing, making it a realistic test of their preparedness. The bell could ring anytime during school hours, emphasizing the unpredictability of real-life emergencies. When the alarm finally went off, students responded promptly and efficiently, moving to the designated safe areas in an orderly manner.

The drill was a resounding success, increasing students' awareness of how to respond during an earthquake and reinforcing the importance of safety protocols. The school community is now better prepared for such emergencies, thanks to this well-coordinated effort





Creative Construction

14 सितंबर को मनाए जाने वाले हिंदी दिवस के अवसर पर इस बार सभी लेख हिंदी में हैं !



हाय ये बारिश!

इसका भी कहना क्या कब आती है, कब जाती है किसको पता। क्या पता कब ये

बारिश गर्मी से छुटकारा दिलाएगी और चेहरे पर मुस्कराहट लाएगी या फिर तूफान बन खुशियाँ उड़ा ले जाएगी। यह है एक व्यंग्यात्मक चुटकुला जो किसी को हँसाता है या फिर परिस्थिति याद करवा कर रुलाता है। अब हम बच्चों को ही देख लो बारिश हमारे लिए छुट्टी का एक मीठा बहाना है पर नौकरीपेशा लोगों के मन में यह चलता है कि आज ऑफिस कैसे जाना है। गाड़ी में बैठे व्यक्ति के लिए तो ये खिड़की बंद कर बैठना आसान है पर रास्ते पर चलने वाले आदमी के लिए यह एक मुश्किल है।

आसमान में उमड़ते- घुमड़ते बादल खुशी का प्रतीक होते हैं। ये बादल बारिश के रूप में बरस कर धरा की प्यास को बुझाते हैं। लेकिन कहते हैं ना अति हर चीज की बुरी होती है। कभी - कभी ज़्यादा बारिश तबाही का कारण भी होती है।

कुछ भी हो मुझे बारिश का मौसम बहुत अच्छा लगता है। बारिश नवजीवन का संचार करती है।

-परी जैन

सैनिक तुझे सलाम!

भारत

की धरती पर जब भी विपत्ति आती है, भारतीय सेना का जज्बा और बहादुरी हर बार हमें गर्वित करती है। ये सैनिक, जो देश की रक्षा के लिए अपनी जान की परवाह नहीं करते, वास्तव में राष्ट्र के नायक की उपाधि के हकदार हैं। उनकी बहादुरी की कहानियाँ हमें हर पल प्रेरित करती हैं और उनका बलिदान हमें अपने कर्तव्यों की याद दिलाता है।

"हमारे पास दो विकल्प हैं: मरना या जीना। और जीना हम उस तरह से चाहते हैं कि देश गर्व से हमारी कहानी सुन

सके।" — एक भारतीय सैनिक की वीरता केवल उनकी सैन्य वर्दी तक सीमित नहीं है; यह हर भारतीय के दिल में गहराई से बसी हुई है। जब भी दुश्मन की गोलियाँ देश की धरती पर गिरी हैं, तब हमारे जवानों ने अपनी जान की बाज़ी लगाकर सीमा पर अपनी हिम्मत को अमर किया है।

"सीमा पर छाए अंधेरे में, चमकते हैं वे दीप, देश की खातिर जो अपनी जान की बाज़ी लगाते हैं।"

उनके बलिदान और समर्पण की कोई भी कीमत नहीं चुका सकता। जब हम शांति और सुरक्षा का आनंद लेते हैं, हमें हमेशा याद रखना चाहिए कि यह सब उनकी अदम्य हिम्मत और सच्ची निष्ठा का परिणाम है।

इन योद्धाओं की सच्ची महिमा को शब्दों में नहीं बाँधा जा सकता, पर उनकी वीरता हमें हमेशा प्रेरित करती रहेगी।

-अनुषा मौर्या



Opinionated Editorial



The Deterioration of Unity in Manipur: A Call for Action and Awareness – MRIDUSHA BISHT

During the process of Indian independence, our country was mocked for its attempt to become a nation and, it was expected that India would be balkanized as accommodating such a large population with so many languages, caste, culture, religion seemed like an impossible task. However, our leaders made sure that India became a Nation where the interest of all was kept in mind and no one felt left out, it is a task that was much difficult than it seems, but now it pains my heart to say this that the unity and brotherhood our leaders imagined for a free India is no longer in view. Manipur is a small state located in the North- East of India with beautiful tea valleys and peaceful hills but looking at the current scenario the peaceful hills have turned into a warzone burning with anger and hatred among the two tribes of Manipur: The Kuki-Zo's and The Meitei's.

Amidst all the chaos going on in Manipur for over a year the Centre still has not taken any action on this ethnic conflict and the media which is known as the fourth pillar of democracy is seemingly useless



now. The media which is supposed to function as a watchdog has now started to act like a pet of the government with the citizens of Manipur constantly in pain the media proceeds to turn a blind eye to them. When questioned by the opposition our Honourable Prime Minister acknowledging the situation stated various measures and steps taken towards the crisis however unlike what Mr. Modi asserts, the state is nowhere close to normalcy.

A report by the Geneva-based Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre says Manipur accounted for 67,000 of the 69,000 displaced in South Asia last year. Kuki-Zo residents in Imphal and Meitei residents in Churachandpur among other areas are still unable to return to their homes. Even government servants and legislators from these communities remain displaced, affecting governance, welfare, schooling, and health services. The conflict is rooted deep in the society and cannot be solved with curfews, The media should cover the issue more as it is the citizen's voice of reason, if the situation continues Manipur will also demand its freedom from the nation resulting in internal disturbances as educated citizen's it is our responsibility to take this matter forward

Towards Uniformity: The Uniform Civil Code of India – Mr. AJEET KUMAR

Uniform simply means one country, one rule

and the Uniform Civil Code is meant to cover the laws related to property and personal matters like marriage, divorce, maintenance, adoption and inheritance. So, the purpose of the UCC is to unify all "personal laws" so that one set of secular laws can be used to deal with the personal matters of all citizens of India, irrespective of the community they belong to. Essentially, the UCC aims to give a more regulated and systematic look for civil matters of Indian citizens. Similar to the criminal

code that is equally applicable to all, irrespective of religion, caste, gender and domicile.

Everything till now seems to be like glittering gold then why is UCC still not implemented in our country? So, to answer this we should know about the relevance and sources of the personal laws. These personal laws are varied in their sources, philosophy and application. Therefore, a major constraint arises while bringing people governed by different religions under one roof.

As Article 44 of the Constitution of India declares that "The State shall endeavour to secure for the citizens a Uniform Civil Code throughout the territory of India."

Aiming to achieve, gradually, rather than in one single attempt and more far-reaching equality for all citizens, the government has been entrusted with this tedious task. As a result, we can see that no significant steps have been taken by any government till now because of its controversial nature in contemporary politics just after the Shah Bano case in 1985. Extremist Hindutva ideology believers and the BJP started focusing on the Muslim Personal Law, which is partially based on the Sharia law and remains unreformed since 1937, which permit unilateral divorce (TRIPLE TALAQ) and polygamy in the country. While the Congress and All India Muslim Personal Law Board oppose the demand for implementation of UCC.



These Personal laws were framed for Hindu and Muslim when Britishers were in power and the reasons behind this was the fear of British government in relation to the fear of opposition from community leaders of different regions. All because the British government decided to refrain from the interfering in domestic sphere.

The demand for a Uniform Civil Code was first put forward by women activists for women's rights, equality and secularism.

Conclusion

Right wing political parties' supporters feel that the UCC will bring changes only in Muslim personal law however, that is not

correct and their views can be seen as a cause of communal tensions. But in reality, the personal laws of almost all communities in India have a common feature: that they all are gender biased. For example, the law related to succession among Hindus is unequal in the way it treats men and women. While All India Muslim Personal Law Board reject UCC on ground that it opposed to secularism or the provisions of UCC will violate Article 25 and 26. Not to mention, the philosophical thoughts behind Article 44 is based on the fact that there is no necessary connection between religion and personal laws to exist in a civilised society. Therefore, law can regulate marriage, succession and other civil matters. No religion permits

deliberate exploitation or harassment. The UCC should not be seen as an interference in one's religious beliefs because of implementing provisions like maintenance, succession and inheritance. On a lighter note, the UCC will not force Hindu to perform a nikah or to Muslim to carry out marriage according to Vedic rituals. But in matters of inheritance, right to property, maintenance and succession, there will be a common law.

In my personal opinion reforming the laws related to the personal matter should come from within communities through its various organizations and it should not be imposed from above



Editorial Board 2024-25

From the Chief Editor's Desk: SHARANYA RAJMOHAN IYER

Greetings to all readers!

As the newly elected Chief Editor of Gyananda's Editorial Board, I take immense pride in sharing the first edition of the school's fortnightly newspaper with you all: The Gyananda Echo.

The newspaper aims at providing you with the latest news and events on campus and on a global and nation level, as well as a platform for your voices to be heard. Whether you're a member of our

editorial board or just an avid reader, your support means the world to us.

Which is why I would like to encourage everyone to get involved in our newspaper in any way possible, whether it's writing articles, conducting interviews, or just reading and spreading the word. We are open to taking articles, poems or even opinionated editorials on a range of subjects such as current affairs, political developments, art, history, sports, shoes of the world,

types of pasta, essentially anything! It is a platform for you all to read, write, and gain an insight on not just the happenings of the world, but this very school you study in. Submissions are also open for teachers and staff! (Did you happen to spot the featured teacher in the newspaper yet?)

On behalf of the entire editorial team, I want to thank you for being a part of the Gyananda Echo and supporting us as readers! We look forward to hearing from you through your poems, articles and feedback!

PRESENTING THE EDITORIAL TEAM!

Mridusha-Sharanya-Vaishnavi-Kirti-Kirsten-Mannat-Aaditri-Simone-Samriddhi





Book recommendation

Greetings Young Readers!

As the English Book Club is underway and we are seeing the girls gradually inculcate a habit of reading in them, the editors are ready with book recommendations to help them keep their minds refreshed as they delve into the various books suggested by the School's English Department.

Hope you enjoy these reads with a cup of tea and if you enjoy these a little **too** much, we would love to receive a book review from you!

For Grades 6-8

From the Column of Charles Dickens

- David Copperfield
- Great Expectations
- A Tale of Two Cities

From the Column of Jane Austen

- Pride and Prejudice
- Emma
- Sense and Sensibility

For Grades 9-12

1. 21 Lessons for the 21st Century by Yuval Noah Harari
2. The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho
3. The Perks of being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky
4. The Power of your Subconscious Mind by Joseph Murphy
5. The Godfather by Mario Puzo
6. Dr Zhivago by Boris Pasternak
7. Atlas Shrugged by Ayn Rand

Birthdays

Aanya Pandey -1st September, Grade-IX

Aadhya Aanand -2nd September, Grade VII B

Sanskriti Shrivastava -3rd September, Grade IX

Priyal Midhas -3rd September, Grade XI

Medhavi Laghoo -4th September, Grade, X

Shreyasi Sahoo - 7th September, Grade VIII B

Tripti Rai - 10th September, Grade VI A

Agrima Bahuguna - 10th September, Grade X

Seemohana Bansal -18TH September, Grade VI A

Aarya Singh -20th September, VI B

Avantika Thapliyal- 21st September, Grade VIII B

Upcoming Events

- 5th September: Teacher's Day Celebration
- 9th-18th September: Term I Examinations
- 16th September: Eid-Ul-Milad
- 17th September: Vishwakarma Puja

ME-'N'-U AND THE MENU

Psst! Here's a hint at this month's menu special:

"Winner winner, chicken dinner!"



Snapshots



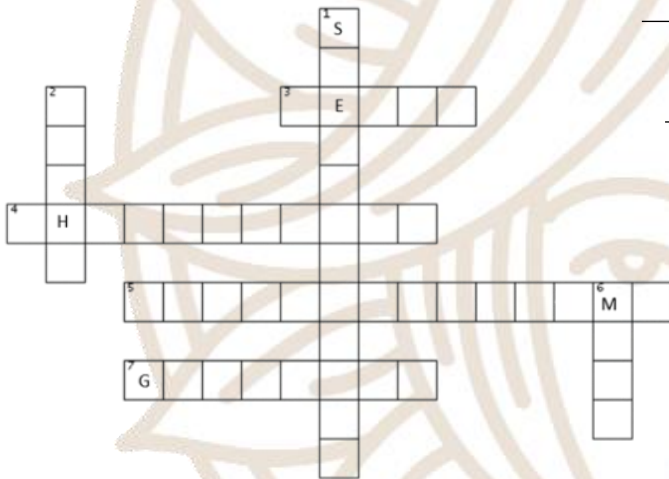
A Glance at a Friend



Rhythm in Sync



Learning the Beats



Put Your Thinking Caps On....

1. The Prime Minister of Bangladesh
2. Another name for Kung Fu as classified in the Olympics
3. Dehradun was briefly part of this country known for its momos
4. The Current Chief Justice of India
5. Th Indian-American female astronaut who is currently stuck in space!
6. The recent virus that stands as a threat for a potential pandemic
7. The type of humanitarian crisis currently ongoing in Gaza



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