

# THE ORIGINALS



## THE MOCK PARLIAMENT

### THE PARLIAMENT REPLICATED

~ Manya Batra

The Mock Parliament was one of the most fun-filled learning experiences that has been hosted by Mussoorie International School. The objective of the event was to help us develop an understanding of the Indian Parliament and it was successful in doing so! This event was all about teamwork, oratory skills and mainly our leadership qualities. We gained the platform to debate and present our bills which stated our opinions on the given agenda. Being a party leader, I undoubtedly had several responsibilities and benefitted a lot from the conference. Overall it was a merrymaking experience where we got the exposure to be great leaders of the nation for two whole days!

### THOUGHTS BEHIND THE PARLIAMENT

**TOT: How did the concept of Mock Parliament come up and who was the begetter of this event?**

**TCD:** The idea was proposed by our Principal, Ma'am Meeta. However, through a voting process, I was made the Chief Director of the event.

**TOT: What made you think you were capable of handling this designation?**

**TCD:** My will and passion for it made me believe, I was capable of heading this event. Alongside, I am very fond of the Indian parliament, so that adds as an additional factor.

**TOT: What changes did you make within yourself, in order to handle this event?**

**TCD:** I am very short-tempered and handling kids was undoubtedly going to be a task. Which is why I tried being more patient and performed my duties with a calmer mind. I would also like to thank my team for the same.

**TOT: Do you think your team contributed enough to make this proceeding a success?**

**TCD:** Definitely! I was so glad watching them put in more than their 100% I firmly believe they did better than their best. We just managed it amazingly.

**TOT: What skills were you and your team able to gain from this event?**

**TCD:** A lot, but above all calmness. We have all evolved as patient communicators.

**TOT: What if you received \$1 million to invest in the country's development, which sector would you implement it upon?**

### ASCENDENCE OF PRIDE

#### BEST LEADER

**First Position**

Swara Patel

**First Runners Up**

Manya Batra

**Second Runners Up**

Aditi Agarwal

#### BEST PARTY

**First Position**

Team 3

**First Runners Up**

Team 1

**Second Runners Up**

Team 4

#### BEST MINISTER

**First Position**

Rosabelle Russell

**First Runners Up**

Gazal Shukla

**Second Runners Up**

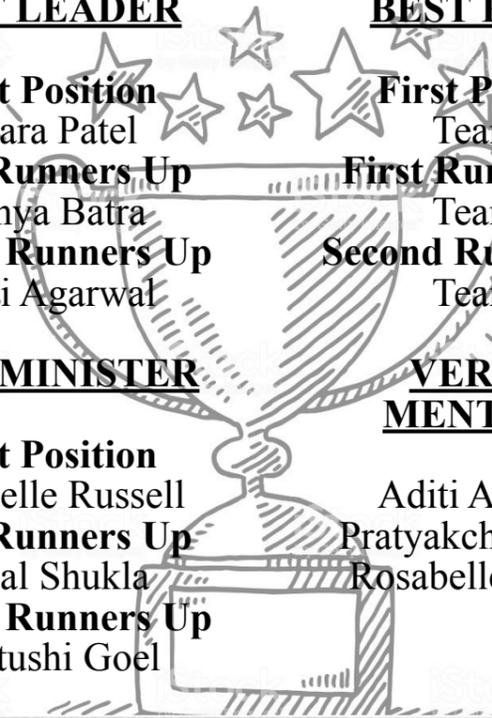
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#### VERBAL MENTIONS

Aditi Agarwal

Pratyakchha Karna

Rosabelle Russell



**TCD:** As we are a developing nation, the country needs to invest the funds into a lot of sectors. Keeping in mind a step by step growth, firstly, I would like to improvise the rural sector of India. The next would be the education sector, as I believe education is a necessity in today's world. I will look into launching public toilets and standardising the health care services, especially for the ones in desperate need. My main focus would lie upon the farmers and child labourers. I would also like to invest some amount to the security fronts of India.

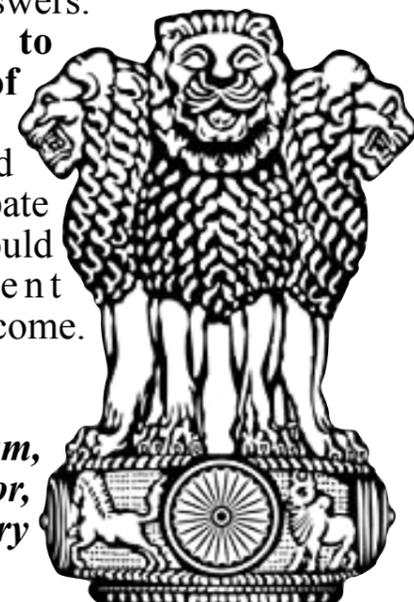
**TOT: What was your favourite part of the event?**

**TCD:** The question hour. It was beyond my expectations. I was blown watching such young minds, question each other so confidently. They were also prepared with good answers.

**TOT: Would you like to share any other element of the event?**

**TCD:** I was overwhelmed to see the juniors participate so enthusiastically. I would love to see this event continuing in the years to come. Thank you!

\*TOT - The Originals Team,  
TCD - The Chief Director,  
Parinita Chaudhary



**DROWNING DELHI**

~ Mohini Chandra



On 19th July 2020, the capital experienced heavy rainfall. It turns out that this assisted the long-overdue water-log in Delhi. The hospitals, already strained due to COVID-19, have been subjected to more stress due to the casualties and injuries. It can also give rise to many water-borne diseases and further hinder the percentage of morbidity rates in the country.

The primary cause of water-logging is poor maintenance of drainage systems and consistent heavy rainfall. We cannot control rain; however, we can maintain the drainage system. It needs to be maintained by the government officials, but they have not done so. Water-logging dwindles the hygiene levels of the area, which is extremely important in current circumstances. The PPE kits and face shields cannot help us if the city starts reeking of unhygienic places all over!

**PICHAI'S BACK TO HOME**

~ Krishna Singal

Tech- giant Google announced on Monday that it plans to invest \$10 billion in India over the next five to seven years as the search giant looks to help accelerate the adoption of digital services in the key oversea market. The announcement assumes particular significance given the impending gap in the country's techno-investment and the ecosystem following the centre's clampdown on Chinese tech-firms. The funding will focus on four areas: first, enabling affordable access and information for every Indian in their own language. Second, to build new products and services which are deeply relevant to India's unique requirements. Third, empowering businesses as they continue to embark on their digital transformation and the fourth being, to leverage technology and AI for social benefit in areas like health, education and agriculture. India is a key oversea market for Google, where a range of services have made inroads with most of the online population. The nation has emerged as perhaps the last great untapped growth market for American giants. While the fund may have been in force before the restriction on Chinese companies, the ban has presented an opportunity for tech-majors like Google, to grow their share in our nation's internet pie.

Congratulations to the applicants who made it to the team as interns!

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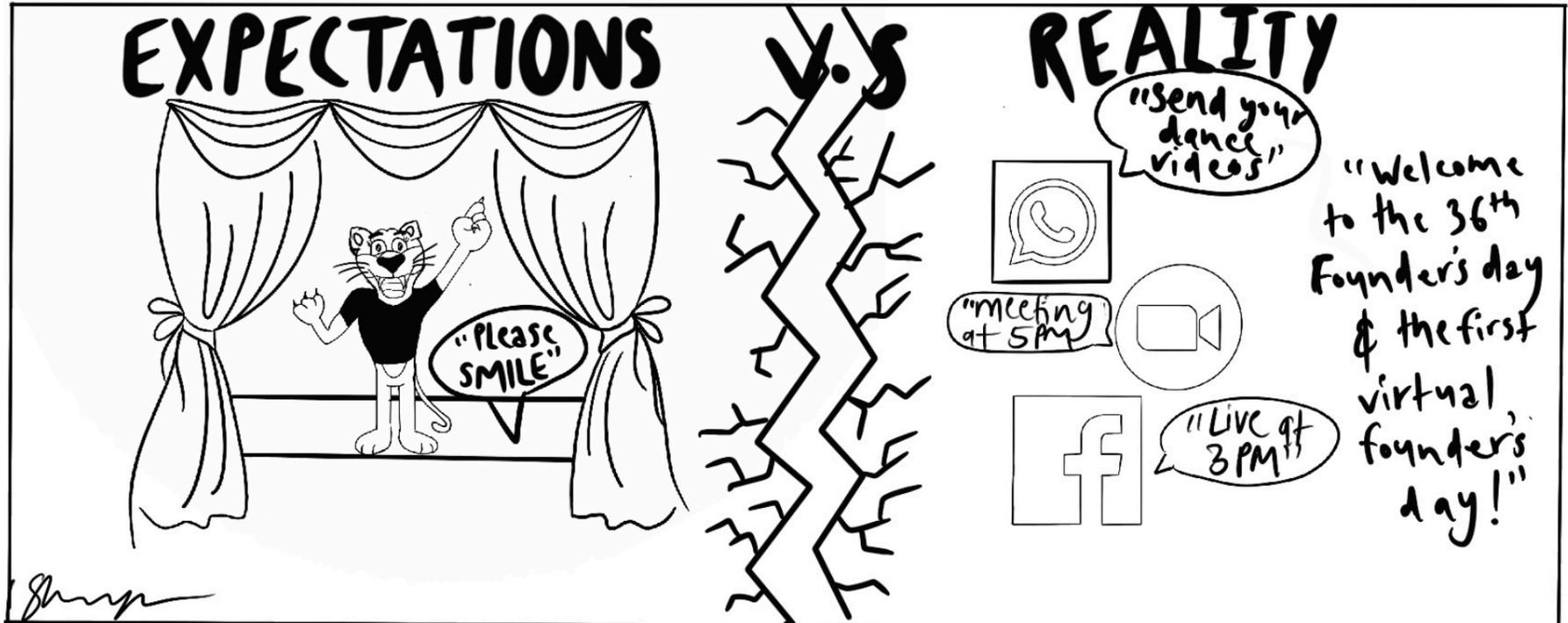
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**ODDLE DOODLE**



~ Shreya Ranjan

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## AND THEN SHE SAID.....I TOOK THE CHANCE

~ Part 2 ~

I give up not because I care, but  
because he does not care to share,  
He is mine till he needs, and  
leaves, when no longer his  
purpose served,  
It is pain and fun to wait, and  
painful to forget,  
But the real pain is in, whether to  
wait or forget,  
This is one-sided care and  
settling, there is no bettering.  
So let me gift him my absence, as  
he does not value my presence.  
Life has a hopeful undertone, I  
take a moment to realise and  
know,  
I shall stop second-guessing and  
apologising for more than I need,  
I shall stop feeling insecure and  
making excuses for his  
thoughtless deeds  
I shall stop doing all the heavy  
lifting, and the initiating of care  
and prayer,

He is busy and I am too down his  
priority list for any purpose,  
so what if he has high authority,  
why should his calendar take  
priority,  
How long can I not mind, I  
cannot be his option, he no longer  
my dilemma,

Knowing is half the battle won, I  
have the power to change things,  
So do I know him? A thousand  
flashes of memories, say I used  
to?

I cannot be always wrong, he too  
has to take a part of the blame.

No response is a powerful  
response, understanding that is  
the key to all.

I am strong, so I will not fix it or  
beg, I will simply walk away far  
till I can,

He will never know what he lost,  
for he knew not what he had,

So I leave, let him stay, it is an  
end to his part in my story, my  
history.

I did not lose a friend, I realise I  
just did not have one.

But it hurts because it mattered,  
so sorry for caring, sorry for  
trying,

Sorry for all but most of all sorry  
that I let him in my heart and  
soul.

I can't force him to care, to share  
and play his part to the end,

Alas, one day he will realise that  
he lost a genuine friend.

So I walk away and I know one  
day he will surely miss me

If he is mine he will gravitate  
back, no matter how far I wander.

Once friends now strangers in  
memories,

I took the chance.....was then  
she said.

~ Anonymous

## OF MAN'S MADNESS

And I wish you luck,  
Cause it's no evil outside,  
No war that you lead,  
But the false pride you carry.

Fight the unknown,  
Play the harmonies,  
There are no victories,  
But the joys of the ill.

A number of battles within,  
Command me to cease,  
For it makes me weary,  
Perhaps, the enemies revolt.

~ Scarlet

"Not all storms come to  
disrupt your life, some come  
to clear your path."

~ Anonymous

## JOURNEY THROUGH THE MYSTERIOUS GLOBE

- UK PM Johnson claims, "Will bring plans to ban gay conversation therapy."

- US tells China to shut Houston consulate in move China calls 'unprecedented escalation'.

- 'Al-Amal' is a mars orbiter mission by UAE, which was successful on July 19, marking Arab's first interplanetary mission.

- 7.8 magnitude earthquake hits near Alaska Peninsula.

- India's anti-tank missile 'Dhurvastara' test fired successfully.



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## *The Diary of a Mistar*

Dear Diary,
This week has been the most hectic one so far. We've been busy, and not just busy but SUPER busy. With the Founder's practices going on in full swing, with the new Mock Parliament resulting in heated debates, with piles and piles of assignments for us to do, and all the other co-curricular activities we signed up, oh, not to forget the 11s and 12s also have their SAT, CLAT, and IELTS classes going on. There is not a moment to sit and breathe. Not to mention the monsoon causing havoc in everybody's internet connection. OH! the agony.
The Cultural Captains and her coordinators are all set for Founder's, only a week's left after all. The practices cannot be harder from 4 in the evening to 6 p.m., everybody is doing all they can to make this show one of the best. The debates in the brand new Mock Parliament were kept interesting by the speaker, while our pseudo-politicians did their best to win the prizes. Also, the fact that the OC members and the directors argued over who to give the prize to, because everybody was just so good, cannot be overlooked, and is quite amusing, to be honest. The rain is having no mercy and nor are the teachers. Everybody has been piled with assignments to be finished by 24th, thank god it'll be over by the time this reaches you.
People are losing sleep to finish these, especially Cambridge students. Who in the world gave Cambridge the idea of having multiple papers for one subject? Our hands feel numb! Who could understand the pain of grade 11s and 12s, with Uni just a year or half away, everybody has been grinding their noses doing either online or offline classes for SAT, IELTS, CLAT, NEET, and what not. Their mere names scare me. Not to mention the constant yearning to throw-up whenever you see a question you can't solve. Well, it is what is. So, do not forget to read the next issue for all the Founder's gossip. See you in Issue 25!
~ Samiksha Singh

### VOCABULARY CHECK

Match the following words to their meanings:

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|-----------------|---|
| 1. Abate        | (a) Abrupt or blunt in speech or behaviour.                           |
| 2. Adequate     | (b) Publicly shameful or humiliating.                                 |
| 3. Authenticity | (c) A feeling or belief that there is something greater than oneself. |
| 4. Brusque      | (d) Become less in amount/intensity.                                  |
| 5. Candor       | (e) The state of being cranky, pouty, or irritable.                   |
| 6. Ignominious  | (f) Sufficient.   |
| 7. Origin       | (g) To make visible; to reveal.                                       |
| 8. Petulant     | (h) The trait of being honest and frank.                              |
| 9. Spirituality | (i) The quality of being real and true instead of fake and contrived. |
| 10. Unveil      | (j) A source where something begins.                                  |

Answers	
(a) - 6	(b) - 8
(c) - 9	(d) - 5
(e) - 3	(f) - 2
(g) - 01	(h) - 4
(i) - 7	(j) - 1



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