

# PENS & BRAINS

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## EDITOR SPEAKS

Heaven it was once which has turned into a burial ground for the living. What started as unprecedented heavy rainfall in Uttarakhand mid-June 2013, soon transformed into the deadliest of flash-floods destroying anything and everything that dared to stand in its way. Utter carnage it was, everywhere one looked. Lives were lost, properties were decimated, settlements were washed away. Tens of thousands were trapped helplessly, locals and tourists alike. Many of them died, many others were injured.



Uttarakhand was a disaster waiting to happen. The Himalayas are one of the most fragile ecosystems, still in its formative years. We needed to take extra care of it, but we became extra-careless. The mushrooming of buildings and houses along the banks of the river, construction of dams, breaching of regulations have always disturbed environmentalists. It seems Nature wanted to restore the balance that was disturbed in the name of progress.

A mammoth multi-agency rescue operation was carried on in Uttarakhand under the supervision, and leadership of the Indian Army. More than 100000 stranded Indians were rescued from the grasp of impending death. The challenge was tough. The weather was uncooperative, the terrain was rough and the roads were treacherous. But they had steely determination and undying commitment towards their trapped countrymen. They heli-dropped relief materials, they rope-tucked trapped pilgrims, they created helipads out of nothing, they even used their Fighter Jets to lift people to safety. They provided food and shelter to the entrapped mass and took care of the medical attention required by survivors.

As our political masters ill-tryed their charade of pseudo-sympathy before breaking out into the usual bouts of meaningless fights, our Jawans and our Officers worked day and night, tirelessly and unselfishly.

Today, they stand victorious, not in front of news channel cameras or reporters, but in the hearts of thousands of Indians whom they saved, and in the hearts of a billion more who prayed for them.

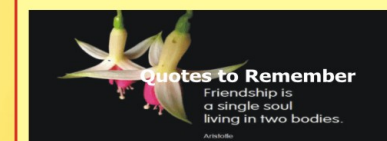
- Sanjukta Ray.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### HOW WISE ARE YOU?

All human beings are intelligent. There is no doubt about this truth. However intelligence vary from person to person and intelligence can even be measured. Are all the intelligent people wise? Do all the intelligent people succeed? Do they lead a successful and happy life? Some very intelligent people are notorious thieves and criminals. They commit crimes leaving behind no trace of their involvement in the crime. Highly intelligent thieves break open a bank or a jewellery shop and carry away everything with precise perfection. They too do not leave behind any clue which can lead to their arrest. But are these criminals wise? No. If they are wise they won't be using their intelligence to commit a crime. Wise people are those who apply their intelligence to do the right thing and when they succeed, they are happy and content. Criminals, though they succeed, they are never content or happy. Application of intelligence wisely is possible only if we train our mind/intellect through a disciplined life. People who lead an undisciplined life lack wisdom and they find it difficult to do anything right in life. Success in the real sense of the term eludes these unwise intellectuals. So ask yourself the question, "How wise am I?" Do not ask, "How intelligent am I?" We are all intelligent. Let us now train ourselves to be more wise, following a disciplined life.

-Joseph Mathew



### QUOTES TO REMEMBER

1. By three ways we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second, by imitation, which is easiest; and the third by experience, which is the bitterest.

-Confucius

2. The simple things are also the most extraordinary things, and only the wise can see them.

-Paulo Coelho

3. Knowing others is intelligence; knowing yourself is true wisdom.

-Lao Tzu, Tao Te Ching

4. Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens.

-Jimi Hendrix

## IT WORLD

Who discovered google and when?

Ans. Sergey Brin & Larry Page – 1998

1. Who discovered yahoo?

Ans. Jerry Yang & David Filo.



2. Who heads infosys?

Ans. Narayan Murthy

3. Which Indian founded Sun Microsystems in Silicon Valley?

Ans. Vinod Khosla



4. Which Indian founded MSN?

Ans. Sabeer Bhatia

5. Who founded Tumblr?

Ans. David Karp

6. What is the full form of Wi-Max?

Ans. Wireless Interoperability for Microwave access.

7. Which company recently bought Tumblr?

Ans. Yahoo

8. Which is the Blogging site headed by Google?

Ans. Blogger



9. Which protocol does Internet use to transfer and receive information?

Ans. TCP/IP Protocol (Transmission control protocol/Internet protocol)

10. Who is the CEO of Yahoo?

Ans. Marrison Mayer

11. Which IT company is on top in the Fortune 500 companies list?

Ans. Microsoft owning 108.47 US billion dollars.

12. Which is the latest social networking website released by google to compete with Facebook?

Ans. Google +

13. Who founded World Wide Web and in which year?

Ans. Tim-Berners Lee – 1991

14. Which Government headed company first brought Internet service to India?

Ans. VSNL – Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited



15. Which online gaming company is named after a dog?

Ans. Zynga

16. Which one of the Ambani brothers own the Reliance Telecom Industry?

Ans. Anil Ambani

17. Who founded Wipro?

Ans. Azim Premji



18. Which city is the technological hub of US?

Ans. Silicon Valley

- Arjun S. Viswanath, Class – X A



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## Smoking is Injurious

Efforts are being made all over the world to contain the menace of smoking. The hazards of smoking are too grave to be dismissed lightly. Practically all major health disorders are caused due to smoking. Banners, posters, street plays etc proclaim loud and clear that each cigarette smoked reduces the smoker's life back a few minutes. High blood pressures, heart attack and cancer are the major killer diseases caused due to smoking.

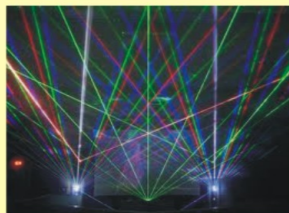
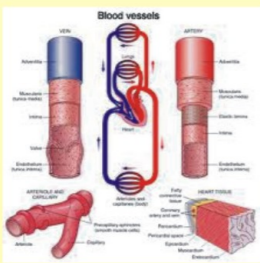


Few people realise that non smokers can also suffer from some diseases if they inhale smoke from others smokers. Realising the gravity, our govt. has banned smoking in public places. What is needed is a sense of responsibility among the smokers that while causing harm to themselves, they try not to harm others.

-Saksham Khatri, Class-XA

## 10 Amazing facts on science

1. There are about 62,000 miles of blood vessels in the human body; laid end to end they would circle the earth 2.5 times.
2. At over 2000 km long, The Great Barrier Reef is the largest living structure on the earth.
3. The risk of being struck by a falling meteorite for human is one occurrence every 9300 years.
4. A typical hurricane produces the energy equivalent to 8000 one megaton bombs.
5. On Venus, a day is longer than earth's one year.
6. Blood sucking hookworms inhabit 700 million people worldwide.
7. The highest speed ever achieved by a bicycle is 166.94 mph by Fred Rompelberg.
8. We can produce laser light a million times brighter than sunshine.
9. 95% of those with autism are left handed.
10. The combined length of roots of a Finnish pine tree is over 30 miles.



-Shagun Som, Class-XA

## How funny!



1. John : Why are you heating the knife?  
Sam : I want to commit suicide.  
John : But why are you heating it?  
Sam : To prevent infection.
2. Santa : Why have you increased the speed of the car?  
Banta : The brake has failed. We should reach home before an accident.
3. Santa : So, you are distantly related to the family next door.  
Banta : Yes, their dog is our dog's brother.

-Angad Singh, Class-XA

## Riddles

1. Sweetest tree – Pastry
2. Which thing remains hot even after keeping it in a Refrigerator – Chillies
3. What is common to a dog and a tree – Bark
4. A table which is good to eat – Vegetable
5. A table for a lazy man – Comfortable
6. A table which is not useful – unsuitable
7. A table which could be left behind – forgettable
8. Which driver does not have a licence – Screw driver.

-Madhav Mantri, Class- XB

## Our India

Punjab for lighting  
Bengal for writing  
Mizoram for duty  
Kashmir for beauty  
Rajasthan for history  
Maharashtra for victory  
Mysore for silk  
Haryana for milk  
Kerala for brains  
UP for sugarcane



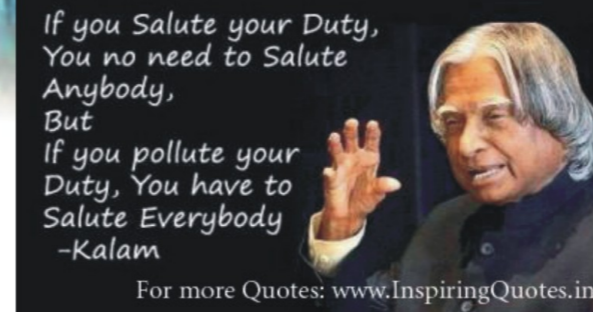
India stay one in all  
Never let the unity fall.

-Madhav Mantri, Class-XB

## It's a Raw fact

You are born original  
Don't die like a copy  
Don't care if someone doesn't like you,  
For you were not put on earth to please anyone,  
Life is to express yourself,  
Not to impress anyone.  
Be confident in who you are and what you can be.  
Even if you lack in something don't let others know about that weakness. The moment you show you can't bear it and you are weak, people will start taking advantage of you because it is normal human ideology. So my friends, hide your weakness and show your strength and fight till the last breath.

-Melisa Pal, Class-XB



## Salute.....(For A.P.J Abdul Kalam)

Lost was the grandeur of India, deep in the ocean.  
In the mist of envy was lost her glory!  
Rising from the deep ocean.  
Enlightened you, our world with joy and peace.  
Filling our heart with elation.  
Bequeathed upon us, you a glorious kingdom.  
Lord of the nation, you are.  
Dawned upon us, you, the light of hope!  
Missile man of India.  
The "Master" of victory, you are.  
Devotion and prayer to God,  
Endowed on us, you, the Angel of the Lord!  
Preceptible to the stars only, is your greatness.  
In dream, you have, a heavenly India!  
Creator of this golden world, you are.  
The father, you are, of India's success.  
We salute you and your gargantuaness.

-Nikita Pandey, Class-XB

## Mother Earth

Joy and sorrow come since our birth  
We laugh and experience the beauty of the earth.  
Earth is in our hands.  
Whether at home or in other lands.  
Earth is our mother.  
So we should bother  
Recycle, reuse and reduce  
Lessen the hazardous things we use  
Plant trees in open space  
To create shade and cool your face  
If you want to save each and every creature  
Try and protect your nature.  
Protect all birds including the dove  
Dispose off pesticides in a real safe way  
Not in the ocean or in the bay  
Celebrate everyday as earth day  
And succeed in your way,



-Nikita Pandey, Class-XB

## Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand has suffered a severe cloud burst. Many people went to Kedarnath to worship Lord Shiva. Their journey took a drastic turn when they got struck in the tragedy. It was so disastrous that many people lost their lives. These people might be sons or daughters, mother or father, brother or sister. This cloud burst or a disaster has taken away the precious lives of the people. Our great Indian Army came out in full force to save the lives of those helpless people. During the mission of saving people, a chopper crashed leading to the death of a 27 year old soldier named Lt. Tapan Kapoor. Our Army has done a splendid job by saving lives of 24,000 or more people. Even today after so many days have passed, the army is continuing the task of saving lives of people and rebuilding. Today the phase through which Uttarakhand is going, is really beyond the imagination. I hope no state faces such a situation which brings only sorrow and pain in the lives of people.



-Sourav Kumar, Class-XB

## 10 Sutras

The most selfish 1 letter – 'I' - avoid it.  
Most Satisfactory 2 letter – 'We' - use it.  
Most poisonous 3 letter – 'Ego' - kill it.  
Most used 4 letter – 'Love' - value it.  
Most pleasing 5 letter – 'Smile' - keep it.  
Fastest spreading 6 letter – 'Rumour' - Ignore it.  
Hardworking 7 letter – 'Success' - Achieve it.  
Most enviable 8 letter – 'Jealousy' - distance it.  
Most essential 9 letter – 'Principle' - have it.  
Most Divine 10 letter – 'Freindship' - maintain it.

-Saksham Khatri, Class-XA

## Be a Winner

A winner says, "Let us find out".  
A loser says, "Nobody knows".  
When a winner makes a mistake, he says, "I was wrong".  
When a loser makes a mistake, he says, "It was not my fault".  
A winner goes through a problem  
A loser goes around it, and never gets past it.  
A winner says, "I am good, but not as good as I ought to be".  
A loser says "I am not as bad as a lot of other people are."



-Saksham Khatri, Class-XA