

THE AIR INDIA REVOLUTION

-Ranvijay Singh, VII

Air India today is considered as one of the worst airlines in the world, with filthy aircrafts, bad crews, lack of amenities etc. But the airline is now under the Tata Group. What was its past, how did it get into such a bad condition and most importantly, what is the airline's future? JRD Tata, India's first licensed pilot is credited for having started India's first airline.

The Tata Air Mail began service with a purchase of two single-engine puss moth aircraft making its first flight from Karachi to Mumbai via Ahmedabad. JRD himself operated the first flight. He used railway lines below to navigate his flight path. Six years later the name was changed to Tata Air Services, then Tata Air Lines before settling on Air India International in 1948.

Soon services were introduced for Bangkok, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Nairobi, Rome, Paris and New York among others. For 25 years JRD set high maintenance standards as passengers enjoyed its excellent services. There were

many times when JRD personally inspected flights, making notes of tiny details that needed to be fixed. From the colours of the cabin crews' sarees to their hairstyles, JRD was involved in everything. Air India was truly a 'palace in the sky' offering luxury travel and world class food like caviar on ice.

So exclusive was their first class that the king and queen of Sweden flew Air India. As did Pope Paul VI to India in 1954. Sadly, Air India's first 747 named 'Emperor Ashoka' that was in use for 6 years, crashed off the coast of Bombay killing all 213 passengers and crew. Within a month, the Prime Minister, Morarji Desai, dropped JRD's chairmanship of Air India and directorship of Indian Airlines. This had a deep impact on the morale of Air India's employees. Officials of the ministry of civil aviation had little or no experience in aviation.

Important positions like sales and marketing and commercial operations were handed over to people outside the industry.

Indira Gandhi reappointed JRD to be the Chairman of both airlines. JRD continued till the age of 82 when he handed it over to Ratan Tata who resigned 3 years later. Almost immediately after that, the airline's sales plunged.

The Air India, Indian Airlines merger is what put an end to the airline. The merger which was supposed to increase operational efficiency, actually led to the opposite. Now the Tatas own Air India once more. They have taken a lot of important steps. They decided to purchase the Airbus A350 aircraft next, and announced the Air India-Vistara merger which is expected to change the airlines fortune. The airline has also ordered 470 aircraft from Boeing.

Overall, the airline seems to be improving and is expected to become a world-class airline by 2030. This is a solid statement by the Tatas and it seems that Air India is going to rule the skies, again.

the perks of being organized.

- Nuksangla Temsu Soyah, XI

Being organised! The joy of finding things in place of knowing exactly where that pair of scissors will be when the need is dire. The coordinated boxes of stationary, the cupboards set in style, and the clothes hanging just right, does more for a person than bring a feeling of satisfaction. It brings focus and discipline which is so necessary in our growing up years. Now, you must be thinking, "We survive in a boarding school, playing by the rules and minding our steps'. The point is, that the zeal for being organised comes from within and helps build a positive world around us. My point is that schedules are fun and I will prove it to you here.

The first step is to get a notebook and a pen. Then we get to the fun part, where we decide on the to-do lists for each day, prioritising tasks, where meeting goals begins to feel like pure magic. Being organised helps one make the most of time and time means money. Therefore being organised helps put one onto the path of making a fortune. Being organised is a skill, but staying organised is an art. It starts with a simple step every day. Making sure you have your day planned before you start it. There is a quiet strength and peace in doing the mundane with a sense of discipline. At the end of the day, it helps keep us in a mentally happier place.

ECHOES in the SMOKE.

- Siddhi Priyadarshani, X

The winds howled across the battlefield, an endless dirge for the fallen. Anya, the lone survivor of her squad, huddled beneath a mangled tank, exhaustion carving a pit in her heart. Next to her, Sergeant Davies stood, his face scarred with war's cruelty.

"Leave him," he said, eyes fixated upon a young enemy soldier, half buried under debris. His life draining out in crimson staining his uniform. The soldier moaned, and Anya's eyes darted towards him; his wound was critical. Despite Davies' curses, Anya reached out to the soldier, treating him with practised efficiency, the young man's ragged breaths the only sound. Dawn

arrived, painting the sky a bloody red, and the soldier's eyes fluttered open, fear and confusion battling for his expression. Anya understood the silent plea for life.

Suddenly, the ground rumbled: a patrol. Panic clawed at Anya. With a brief glance at Davies, she took a gamble, grabbing a flare. It was an uncertain choice against the cold hatred she sensed in him. She fired the flare, the world erupting in blinding white light. The patrol was distracted, and Anya sprinted in the opposite direction. The soldier's fate and Davies' choice were lost in the smoke of war.

AN OPINION:

THE MARK OF A LEADER

Democracy is a potent tool for change. How it's wielded is the fine light between progress and regression. Student leadership is an important pillar of education here at AVS. The Prefectorial body ought to be the ideal that all Aviators aspire towards. It sits unfalteringly at the top of every student's wishlist. Hence potential time at our school is nothing short of a glamorous show, with glittering costumes and a picturesque backdrop. It ought to have been a time of

learning and effort but those are relics catching dust somewhere amongst the books in the library. Over the two bustling months of founders, you will find aspiring prefects doing all they can at every conceivable event. However, once the much anticipated investiture ceremony concludes, these prefects seem to vanish into thin air. The warm camaraderie with prefects on the dinner table turns to them calling you simply for practice, a cold stare of indifference replaces the once warm

- Aanavi Ghosh, VIII

and friendly greetings, and what were once cheerful lineups now become dreaded encounters for juniors. The irony is palpable. Is it worth all of the false emotions and effort that the prospecting prefects put on as proudly as they do their badges? The very essence of leadership seems to be lost as soon as the

elected students take the very oath that grants them these posts. It begs the question: Shouldn't students be observed throughout their time at school, instead of focusing only upon the few months before the investiture? How about deserving before demanding?

Campus Caricature

Practice in session



Illustrated by Mashunising Keishing, X

CAMPUS NEWS

INTERHOUSE TENNIS

Best Player Boys - Lakshyaveer Das Barman
Best Player Girls - Joyshika Sharma
Best Promising Player - Lakshay Gattani

- Overall Position:
1. Manas & Jinari
 2. Lohit & Bhoroli
 3. Namdang & Subansiri
 4. Dhansiri & Kopili



NIDHI AAPKE NIKAT

On 27th May 2024, Monday, an Outreach Program “Nidhi Aapke Nikat” was conducted by the Employees Provident Fund Organization (EPFO), Regional Office, N.E. Region, Guwahati at AVS to make aware the EPF members about the provisions and rights of Provident Fund and the latest amendments which are relevant to the employees. Primarily the program was intended to create an awareness about the key issues of the Provident Fund and Pension schemes.

Mr. Kamal J. Kakoty, Manager Finance, welcomed the participants and the program got underway with the inaugural address delivered by the Headmaster Dr. Amit Jugran which was followed by a day-long session. In his address the Regional Commissioner of EPFO, Mr. Samuel Das threw a flood of light on the various key and relevant issues of the Provident fund, Pension and Deposit Link Insurance (DLI) schemes. The program was highly productive and enriched the perception of the participants about the various schemes and issues of the EPFO.



RODALI BARUA

The Assam Valley School had the honour of felicitating Rodali Barua, who won the bronze medal in the women's 73kg category at the Asian Taekwondo Championships 2024 in Da Nang, Vietnam. She spoke to the student

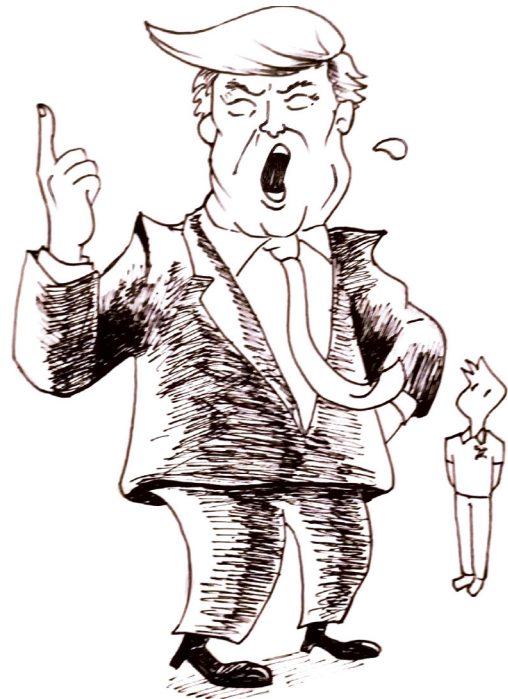
community during assembly and emphasised the importance of discipline, dedication, and direction for a person to follow their dreams. She received a resounding round of applause from the students at the end of her talk.



THE OUTPOST

In a show of women power Claudia Sheinbaum was elected Mexico's First Woman President in a historic win while Dr. Helen Mary Roberts has made history by becoming the first woman to be promoted to the position of Brigadier in the Medical Corps in the Pakistani army. Despite getting convicted for 34 felonies Donal Trump remains in the Presidential race. This news bolsters Trump's election kitty that raises \$151 million. With major surprises wins and losses the results of the 19th Lok Sabha elections keeps the country in a sway.

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Ripple #228

-Erik Angie Riba, XI

*She's known as the world's best
photographer.
Always leaving everyone in awe
of her work,
Little do they know, the girl can
stop time with a snap of her
fingertips.*

Tongue Of Slip!!

1. "The sunlight is too much." - Techu Kagam, XI (*We say your English is too much.*)
2. "How is her sin so shiny?" - Aanya Paul Sarkar, XI (*As shiny as her virtues?*)
3. "I standly strong." - Norzin Lhamu, XII (*As opposed to sittingly weak.*)
4. "Chicken is fine. Just don't beef me." - Soohakani Law, XII (*We'll remember not to pork you either.*)
5. "She met to meet her dad." - Khichu Khat, XI (*Who is meeting who?*)

Keep It Reel!

Chilly Skies

-Mr. Tapas Das



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