CAMPUS CHRONICLES

The Official Newsletter of Deens PU College

INTRODUCTION

Deens Educational Institutions' vision is to empower each child to achieve academic, physiological, and artistic excellence through a creative outlook and a balanced point of view, in an environment that is stimulating, challenging, and grounded in values. Every child passing out of its portals is a complete individual, ready to meet the challenges of an ever-changing global environment.



MESSAGE FROM FOUNDING PRINCIPAL AND DIRECTOR OF DEENS PU COLLEGE

An online campus or offline, there is a constant buzz of activity designed to propel students to think, participate, organize, team up...and the Deens Pre University Campus abounds with enterprise. We launch Campus Chronicles, a window to all that happens within the campus

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

"Education is not an act of acquiring knowledge but learning a skill to lead life and nurturing one's personality. I can positively say that we have excelled in every initiative that we undertook and we have stood together in facing the challenges in realizing quality education during the pandemic. Our college has been actively involved in various activities that have brought light to the hidden talents of the students. I am happy to note that our much talented editorial desk has published the first newsletter "Campus Chronicles" for the academic session 2021-22 with great confidence, pride and enthusiasm."

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORIAL DESK

A story is a part of a writer's soul in ink. And that blank paper transports us to worlds beyond worlds all built on our words. Falling in love with art opens an empyrean door, showing one how bliss can truly taste. The artists of our student body bring to you The Campus Chronicles, an anthology of our work. And everyone, what's to fear when the world is beautiful enough to give us watermelons and narwhals?

MEET OUR STUDENT COUNCIL



Priti Singh, PU2 Student Representative



Shreya Kapuganti, PU2 Cultural Secretary



Hari Changarath, PU2 Sports Captain



D.N. Vishrutha, PU2 Literacy Secretary



Tanmay Deobhankar,PU1 Deputy Student Representative



Manan Kaushal, PUI Deputy Cultural Secretary



Natasha Joan Menezes, PU1 Deputy Sports Captain



Dhanushree, PU1 Deputy Literacy Secretary





WEALTH OUT OF WASTE

by Preethika Ravishankar PU2 (Humanities), She/Her

During the lockdown, the students of Deens PU College spent their holidays engaged in a "Wealth out of waste" recycling initiative, that works towards spreading awareness about recycling and encourages people to segregate and dispose of waste responsibly. The thought started in one of the psychology classes we had. While all of us were studying creativity and its effect on personality, our psychology teacher gave us an example of turning waste into something useful. This came up as 'Wealth Out of Waste'. In this event, the students made DIY products using waste utensils, papers and either recycled them into decorations or repurposed them for completely different uses.

One of the students, with the help of waste wires and thread, made a dreamcatcher that is believed to chase bad dreams away and collect good ones. Another student explains that using waste wax and remelting can make beautiful flowers that serve decoration purposes. Another of our classmates explained how to make a beautiful lantern by using waste tins and some chains, which then, serve aesthetic purposes. One of us also simply painted old CDs and used them as decorations. Another student made wind chimes with nothing but paper

I would thus like to conclude by saying "Waste isn't waste until you waste it."

Creativity is marvelous out of the discarded.





AMALGAMATION - THE SANGAM

by Komal Shah PU2 (Humanities), She/Her

We, at Deens, believe that every child possesses unique talents and skills.

The Deens PU College welcomed all the new PUC-1 students to the Deens family by providing them with a platform to express their talents. Each student showcased different talents like dancing, singing, cooking, painting, drawing, photography, writing, martial arts, guitar, etc.

The event took place on 18th June. The event began with the emcees, Vishal and Komal addressing the gathering. Then each student's talent was showcased and they introduced themselves and talked about their passions. The event ended with Chandra Ma'am's encouraging words.

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Use what talents you possess; the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best
- Henry Van Dyke







TALK ROCKS

by Preethika Ravishankar PU2 (Humanities), She/Her

The name of our debate was 'Talk Rocks'. About 15 students participated in the extempore of the debate and 8 students were selected for the final round of Talk Rocks. The finalists were, Abdulla, Komal, Varshini M, Advaidh, Bhagya, Rishika, Natasha and Dhanushree.

Our Judges were Ms Deepa Rajeev, the Vice Principal of Deens Academy Whitefield and the senior school's English teacher and Ms. Kavitha Mohan, the Vice Principal of Deens Academy Gunjur and the coordinator of the Mathematics Department.

The first topic was "Are arts and other co-curricular activities an important part of education?" where Komal and Abdulla spoke in favour of the topic while Varshini M and Advaidh spoke against it. The second topic was "Can the internet replace a schoolroom?" where Bhagya and Rishika spoke for the topic whilst Natasha and Dhanusree spoke against the same.

The overall best debater was Dhanushree. Advaidh and Bhagya won titles for Best Rebuttal. Dhanushree and Natasha were given the title of Best Team. All the participants, irrespective of whether they won a title or not, put forward their best in this competition.

I would hence, like to conclude in the words of Rumi, "Raise your words, not your voice. It is the rain that grows flowers, not the thunder."

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It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it

- Joseph Joubert







ELECTION AND INVESTITURE

by Komal Shah PU2 (Humanities), She/Her

The base of any democracy is formed by elections. Elections open the door for new issues to be raised in public and provide chances for improvement. For us students to get a hands-on experience, our school conducts its very own elections to form a student council. The council shapes the leadership skills of our students and helps them to voice their concerns, suggestions, and opinions.

A student council has members that come from various backgrounds and bring in their own set of skills, talent, experience, and creativity. These young leaders work together side by side with the student body to lead our school to the path of success.

Here at Deens, elections are held every year.

This year we had fifteen candidates campaigning for eight posts. Each candidate campaigned in his/her unique way. The elections were held and the results were announced shortly.

The Investiture Ceremony is a solemn occasion where all the young students are prepared to don the mantle of leadership and discharge the responsibilities entrusted upon them by the school. The ceremony began with the emcee's Komal and Simran addressing the gathering. Then the newly elected members were introduced and our principal Chandra Ma'am administered the oath. Then Shanthi Ma'am welcomed the gathering and motivated the students to strive harder with a unified zeal for the betterment of the institution. To ignite the passion of patriotism in our hearts we had a dance performance by Rishika Ghai of PUC2 Science. The ceremony concluded with the National Anthem.

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A leader knows
the way, goes
the way, and
shows the way
- John
C.Maxwell



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A MINISTRY DEDICATED TO THE WELFARE OF COOPERATIVES

by Kavya Anand PU2 (Humanities)

This is a ministry formed in July 2021 under the Government of India. The idea of the ministry was formulated by the finance minister of our country, Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman while presenting the union budget of 2021.

Objectives of the Ministry

- 1. To provide a separate administrative, legal, and policy framework in order to strengthen the cooperative movements of our country
- 2. To deepen and strengthen the cooperative movement at the grass-root level, as a true people-based movement.
- 3.Shall work to streamline processes for 'Ease of doing business' for cooperatives and enable the development of MSC's or Multi-State Cooperatives.

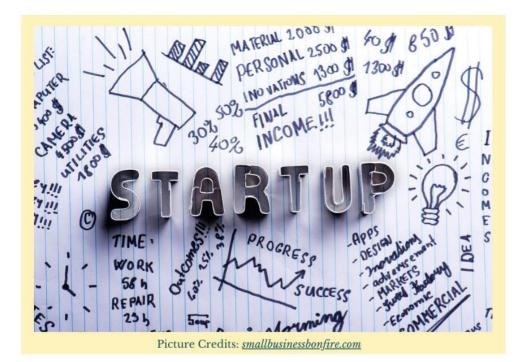
What are cooperatives?

According to the ILO/International labor organization,
'A cooperative is an autonomous association for people who are united voluntarily to meet their common economic, socio-cultural needs through a jointly-owned enterprise.'

More about cooperatives

-India also laid the foundation for the world's largest cooperative movement. -The UN has declared 2012 as the year of cooperatives.

However, there are also some drawbacks to the formation of this ministry as some experts raised concerns that the formation of such ministries would only increase the power of the central government. They also pointed out that it will reduce and intrude on the authority of the state government.



STARTING A BUSINESS

by Priyanka PU1 (Commerce)

Starting a business can be intimidating and exhausting. From the business idea to the legal formalities and paperwork, it is a job for many. But with just a few tips and tricks this job will become a lot easier.

TIPS FOR STARTING A BUSINESS

1.THE BUSINESS IDEA: If you are thinking of starting a business you likely already have an idea, so this tip is to make sure that your idea is feasible for the running market. It is extremely easy to come up with an idea but the most important part is to refine the idea and make sure it meets three important criteria – the first one is technical feasibility. Your idea must be technically sound, with a view for any technical changes in the future. The second point is the financial feasibility.

You must set a budget that should be enough to meet all your expenditures during the setting up process. Keep in mind that you will be expecting losses but don't worry you will receive a fair share of the profit.

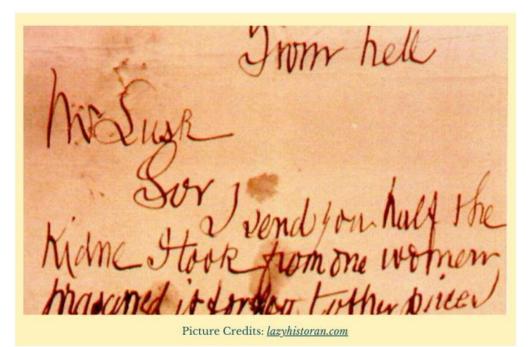
The last one is the economic feasibility. You must make sure that the idea is economical and at par with the current market trends.

2.THE TYPE OF BUSINESS ORGANIZATION: Make sure you determine the type of business organization before you start. So, think: do you want to be a single owner or maybe ask your friend to be your partner. It is up to you, but you must keep in mind the size of your business while doing so.

3.FINANCE: Now this might seem to be a stretch but it is important to have a sound budget. Keep in mind that your entire capital does not need to be from your pocket, you can take a bank loan or borrow from a lender. Just make sure you have enough capital before you start your company.

4.LEGAL FORMALITIES: This step is very important in the formation of a company. Before you open you must make sure that you have all the documents required for your company. All your documents must be submitted to the registrar of India and the certificate of incorporation must be obtained.

5.PROMOTION: The success of a company is all about promotion. You must appoint a good promotion and marketing team, who will come up with various ideas to promote your company and get the word out to the people.



GENETIC SCIENCE UNRAVELS MYSTERY KILLER

by White Mask

Jack the Ripper was a serial killer unidentified for a century, between 1888 and 1891. It is thought that he committed 11 murders, but the cops back them only confirmed 5. These victims were known as 'The Canonical Five'. He would nab working girls from the streets and brutally kill them and mutilate them. Occasionally, a victim would have an organ missing, as if it were skilfully removed by a surgeon. For this purpose, he got the name 'The Ripper.' Initially it was thought that Jack might have been a surgeon for being able to remove those organs with precision. The police had interviewed thousands of people in east London, and even arrested some suspected to be this Ripper. Patrols were sent to protect the streets of Whitechapel. But none of this was able to stop Jack. In the coming years, the police received many letters. Out of these, some of them were from people claiming to be the Ripper. But there was one letter which was addressed "From Hell." The police back then were almost sure that this was from Jack. Most letters they received were just curious people or pranksters. But this one had vivid details about the missing organs. It was full of grammatical errors. The letter contained gruesome details about what Jack had done with the organs. He even claimed things with cannibalistic tendencies. In the end of the letter he wrote "Catch me if you can" with the name of the officer.

Over the years, there were many theories about who the ripper was. One suggested that it was Prince Albert Victor. Another one claimed it to be Lewis Carroll: the author of Alice In Wonderland. For a whole century, this killer's true identity was a mystery. The list of suspects back then consisted mostly of Surgeons, butchers and barbers. But thanks to genetic science, this monster's true face has been revealed.

The results came from the forensic examination of a silk shawl, which had been found with the fourth victim: Catherine Eddowes. The shawl had samples of semen and blood on it.

One of the biggest suspects of The Ripper case was a 23 year old Polish barber named Aaron Kosminski. First, the mitochondrial DNA was extracted from the shawl. After this,it was compared to the Eddowes family members as well to the current people in the Kosminski family. The DNA showed more than a 90% match to the latter.

In 1891, it was also found that Aaron was admitted to one of the finest mental asylums in London. Reports from there show that he was a total lunatic. It is said that he suffered a type of psychosis. In the asylum's report, there is also evidence that he had once threatened to fatally stab a sister.

Even if Kosminski was the killer, there are a lot of questions that remain unanswered. From where did he get the surgical skills to operate on those bodies professionally? Or How did he manage to perform his murders and flee before the police came, every single time? Though we have this kind of strong evidence, it alone does not stand legitimately in court. So, even though the genetic tests don't lie, it was never officially confirmed that Kosminski was the ripper.



ACCEPTANCE: A JOURNEY FORWARD

by Priti Singh PU2 (Science)

All of us are different but we fundamentally feel the exact same thing as human beings.

According to a survey done in 2017, about 792 million people of all ages were diagnosed with mental illnesses. Personally, I appreciate these people because they realized that there was something wrong and reached out for help. The thing is, this is the number of people we know of. Most of us live in denial saying," Oh, I'm just a little sad. Everyone feels sad." or "Maybe I'm just hallucinating because I'm exhausted." Maybe, but not in most cases. Emotions are always valid, but thoughts, not necessarily!.

Let me just differentiate between the brain and mind, to make things clearer. The brain is a part of the central nervous system and it is an organ we can detect. The mind, on the other hand, is a network of chemicals that we cannot detect through scans or tests. These two things are entirely different and we often mix up these terms.

I say, recognizing if you are not doing well is the first and most important step toward improvement. I know, the most common illness, which is depression, makes us feel hopeless and not see the point in doing anything. Another common one, anxiety, stops us from doing things we love. For some beings, it is very difficult to make a call or even type a message. Dissociation can trick people into living in two different worlds accompanied by hallucinations and in some cases, threats. I won't be going into the details of other illnesses because there are more than about 200 groups of mental disorders.

What I'm trying to say is we need to take the step forward and ask for help. I promise you, with progression in your treatment, you will get better, Please don't expect this to be a quick process like the action of antibiotics. It is a long and a difficult process, speaking from experience. The next step is to have trust and faith in yourself.

Here's a tip: think of life as a social media account (not entirely). Make sure your account is private, just like your life. You can remove any follower at any time. You have the power to accept or decline their request. They might be toxic, but again, you have the control and can block or report them at any time. It's the same thing in life. Try and have control over your own life. Be the pilot of your own plane!

We think of mental disorders as an embarrassment. Honestly, so did I. But I'm proud to say that I don't think of it like that today.

The ultimate goal in therapy or life, in general, is not to be happy. It is to live a life that you are proud of. Make something out of everything you have. Make something out of the happy times, sufferings, pain and most importantly, yourself. I know all of this is easier said than done. But if I can do it, so can you! Just try. That's all I ask.





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HOW THE WORLD DIDN'T END IN 2000

by Nikita Anup PU2 (Science)

People, whether they are willing to admit it or not, are obsessed with end-of-the-world scenarios. Even you, the reader, are consciously or subconsciously obsessed with the idea of an apocalypse, hence you're reading this. But don't go away just yet. Here's the story of a computer bug that was thought to cause doomsday.

People scrambling to stock food, medicinal supplies and toilet paper in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic would probably remind some Gen X-ers, baby boomers and millennials the frenzy of the Y2K bug. Long before Y2K (Year 2000 problem) became an aesthetic on Tiktok, it was an actual problem that required Gen X programmers to rack their brains and prevent potential losses of billions of dollars. The Y2K bug was a programming bug wherein the computer was unable to store dates beyond December 31, 1999. This problem arose because of most computer programs storing the year by the last 2 digits. Hence, the year 1900 and 2000 became indistinguishable. However, thanks to the early efforts and pre-emptive actions of these computer wizards and experts, the Y2K problem proved to be just a minor inconvenience and not, as most people thought, a computer-induced apocalypse.

The problem, however, led to many people thinking the world was going to end. People thought that flights would start falling from the sky, disruption of global food supply would cause mass starvation, accidental launches of nuclear missiles and every catastrophic situation possible. As a result of the panic, people started stockpiling food, water, candles, blankets and flashlights. They even went to the extent of building underground bunkers. People were ready for a zombie apocalypse rather than a computer issue.

What was the result? Quite clearly, the world has not ended (yet). There were a few problems, but nothing compared to the problems predicted by doomsdayobsessed theorists. In terms of money, the whole preparation cost 100 billion dollars in loss. In conclusion, the hype cost more than the actual problem, and the ones waiting to make a dashing entry in a dystopian world never really got their chance to shine (except for the programmers).

So, is the world ending anytime soon? It will end at 3:14:07 AM (UTC) on January 19, 2038.

Y2K38 problem will arise out of the insufficient capacity of the computer to represent time. There is no universal solution to this problem as it will vary from system to system, but most programmers suggest upgrading the systems from 32-bit to 64-bit. Problem solved. At least for now. But this is a recurring problem every few years as the systems need to be continuously upgraded to store more time. Scientists have accounted for this problem for several years in the future including the years 2080, 2262, 4000, 30,828 etc. Hopefully this time people will not let panic and hype ride the tide.

The 2038 problem is the next time related programming challenge to be combated by Gen Z and Gen Alpha programmers. With the scope of computer science expanding every day, new challenges are posed which propel people to scramble for solutions. After all, the virtual world reflects our efforts to solve real world problems.

CHOCOLATE MOUSSE



A chocolate mousse is the easiest dessert to make instantly.

It usually needs Five ingredients: Cream, sugar, chocolate, eggs, and butter, but for the people who have issues with eggs and dairy products, I will be providing the perfect solution. Keep scrolling for the fastest perfectly airy mousse.

Ingredients:

- 1. Water- 227 grams
- 2. Dark chocolate 110 grams (preferably Amul Dark chocolate 55% cocoa) Alternatively, good quality milk chocolate can be used if preferred over dark chocolate
- 3. Few Cherries
- 4. Pinch of Salt

Prep Time: 2 to 5 mins Cook time: 10 mins

Method:

- 1. Chop up the chocolate into fine pieces
- 2. Add 227 grams of boiling water and let sit for 2 mins
- 3. While the chocolate is melting, get your ice bath or cold water bath ready.

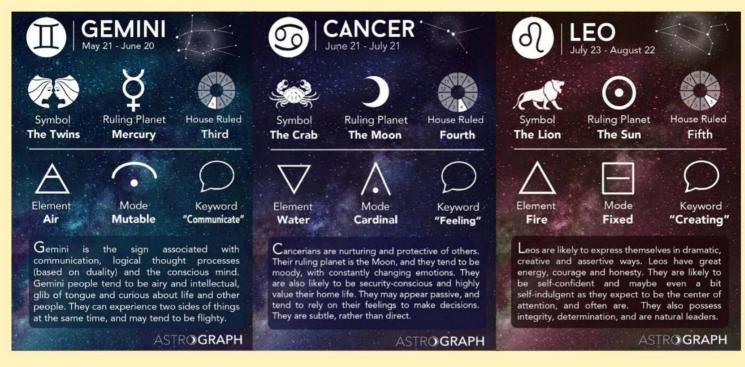
In a large bowl, put cold water and ice

- 4. Using an electric mixer start whisking the chocolate and water mixture at low speed gradually bringing up the speed up to medium.
- 5. As bubbles start to form, put the mixing bowl over the ice bath and continue whisking at medium speed.
- 6. At first it would be watery but over time it will start coming together.
- 7. Continue whisking for at least 10 mins or until you get mousse-like consistency.

Plating:

- 1. Get a mug of boiling water and a small plate
- 2. Dip the spoon of the size of your choice into the water to warm it up to get the perfect incision of your mousse
- 3. Pat the spoon dry, and scoop your mousse
- 4. Place the 2 scoops next to each other and top it with some salt (Salt helps to cut down the bitterness of the chocolate)
- 5. On the head of the mousse place a cheery and enjoy

by- Manan kaushal PU1 (Commerce)



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!

June 10th - Vishal Binil
June 20th - Shaily Agarwal
July 8th - Sarmishta Shankar
July 17th - Kavya Anand
July 22nd - Habib Ali Al Huseni
July 26th - Nikita Anup
July 30th - Preethika Ravishankar

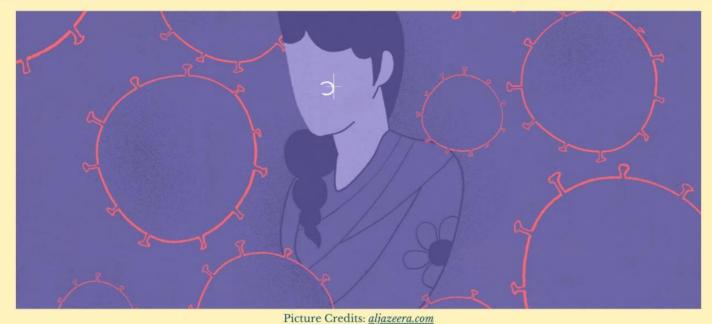


You're older today than yesterday but younger than tomorrow, happy birthday!









SUMMARY OF CURRENT COVID SITUATION

by Anisha Biswas, PU2 (Humanities)

The COVID-19 pandemic has now risen to a global health crisis. This novel virus outbreak has challenged India's economic, medical and public health infrastructure. Health care professionals and researchers around the world are looking for an effective treatment regime for COVID-19. In the current, pandemic situation, a myriad of strategies would be extremely critical to battle the rapid virus spread and to treat the infection. The Government of India is encouraging and rigorously enforcing the practice of isolation, contact tracing, social distancing and wearing of mask and had implemented a complete nationwide lock-down to prevent the spread of the virus.

The Government of India has issued guidelines regarding the availability of vaccines. The vaccines can only be administered to citizens above the age of 18 years. According to the data given by the Centre, 1.33 million doses were administered on Sunday, while 1.11 million doses were administered. The country's per day vaccination had peaked on June 21, at 8.87 million, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the new phase of universalisation of COVID-19 vaccination.

STUDENT BULLETIN

Glaring at the gloaming sky
As clouds pass by
And building narrow walls
Separated From the truth.

The sound of the clock, as it echoes through corners, Makes time barely a number, For he is blinded in regret.

It's a day he rued,
Being unable to move forth.
A day that he shall remember
That had brought no light.

- Hinduja PU1

The Four Horsemen

Hope, Sadness, Fear and Torture.
Hope, for everything to simply get over.
Sadness, for all that has happened.
Fear, of the fire on our skin.
Torture, so bad we just can't forget.
Leave alone, devil, leave us alone!
Why me? Why my sister? Why my brother?
Why my mother? Why my father?
Why not all the evil-doers?
The demons who live beneath us?
Why not those who are torturing us so?
But the damage has been done,
Nothing's coming back to normal.
The least we can do is pray.
Sadness, fear, torture, go away.

- Tanisha PU1



Tarini PU2 (she/her)



Riya PU2

-THANK YOU-LOOK FORWARD TO OUR NEXT ISSUE!