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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Welcome back to the Ortus! We have reached the final issue of our school newsletter for this academic year, and it is with great pleasure that we bring you a special edition with a theme close to our hearts: "Nation." As we wrap up another remarkable year, it is a fitting time to reflect on the strength and unity that define our great nation.

Throughout the pages, you will find articles, stories, poems, and blogs that will inspire, provide insight and make you proud of your identity. With the help of all the students who have provided us with the content, we aim to foster a deeper understanding of the values that bind us together as a nation—values such as inclusivity,

resilience, and respect for one another.

With this, on behalf of the entire editorial team, I want to express our gratitude to all those who have contributed to the success of our newsletter this year. Your support, creativity, and engagement have been instrumental in making this publication a true reflection of our vibrant school community.

Thank you!



(Bhavyaa Bihani)
Chief Editor

MY NATION, MY PRIDE

ADYA SHARMA

This beautiful country, I am proud to call mine,
It has a rich and lovely past,
Its unity in diversity is truly divine,
Its culture and heritage are vast.

Oh, what beauties are found inside,
This is my nation, my pride.

So many hands it took,
To shape this wonderful nation,
So many heroes who stood,
And fought with determination.

What an amazing country in which I reside,
This is my nation; this is my pride.

This land so pure, vibrant, and grand
So much it has given me
The question's not- what more can I take?
Rather, what can I give to my country?

Thank you, Mother India, for all that you provide,
This is my nation, this is my pride.



DIGITAL DIPLOMACY

YUVRAJ ARORA

This article investigates the impact of technology on international relations and diplomacy. It covers subjects such as digital diplomacy efforts, diplomats' use of social media, and the impact of technology on cross-border communication, collaboration, and national influence.

The global powers' extensive usage of new-age IT technology is shaping a new generation of diplomatic difficulties. The new intelligent information technologies that must be included in the diplomatic toolkit might help to address developing diplomatic difficulties. The standard and time-related dominance of digital platforms has completed the digitization of diplomacy. The global presence of states on social media interacts with individuals or groups of people who use social media within or outside of the states. The incorporation of digital platforms necessitates a fresh strategy from governments worldwide. The unbounded and edgeless character of the internet platform forces diplomats to face new diplomatic issues, such as cross-border effects.

Diplomacy in the information age is fundamentally different from past approaches owing to the capacity to communicate directly with residents of other



countries. The implementation of digital diplomacy is bringing together the government, civil society, and IT behemoths on a single platform.

Diplomats first saw digital diplomacy as a means of connecting with foreign communities. Diplomats might use digital platforms like Facebook and Twitter to communicate with overseas audiences, explain their country's foreign policy, reply to online criticism of these policies, and demonstrate a commitment to developing international understanding.

In this sense, digital diplomacy promises to help foreign ministries not only to elevate their agenda but also create ties with foreign audiences through a new and more engaging kind of public diplomacy.

How Does It Affect International Relations?

Digital diplomacy has significantly influenced international relations, multiplying and amplifying the voices and interests of people active in international policymaking. It has weakened states' exclusive control over policy and offered a venue for individuals to voice their ideas openly and in real-time. Digital diplomacy has also transformed the network of diplomacy away from paper and into the real world, resulting in faster access to information and virtual frameworks for implementation. Furthermore, digital diplomacy has increased information distribution, particularly during emergencies like the COVID-19 epidemic.

While digital diplomacy has numerous advantages, it also has several concerns, including trolling, information leaking, hacking, and user anonymity.

The Challenges

The "underbelly" of digital diplomacy, which refers to governments and non-state organizations strategically using digital technologies as tools to counter disinformation and propaganda in pursuit of strategic interests, has grown in recent years to the point where it is beginning to have serious implications for the global order. For example, before the 2016 presidential election, more than 150 million Americans were exposed to Russia's disinformation campaign, and Russia's disinformation campaign around the 2016 election used every central social media platform to deliver

words, images and videos tailored to voters' interests to help elect President Trump. Russian disinformation tactics have also been active in Europe, particularly by attempting to exacerbate social tensions in various nations.

India's View

India is an aspiring pragmatic state that is advancing its dream of establishing itself as a major international power. The Prime Minister has exalted the points of strength of the country's power by anchoring on 3 aspects, which are cultural, economic, and political. The 'Selfie diplomacy' has been yet another innate part of his international travels, but the real barrier for political leaders is to keep in existence a balance of both new age and traditional diplomacy.

Prime Minister's focus has been majorly on the promotion of 'Make in India', foreign direct investments (FDI), economics and investment to connect with skilled innovators of India and the rich capital diaspora. In the modern era, this entanglement of media in diplomacy has taken a stride further in the form of social media.

India has collaborated with private industry to ameliorate its outreach efforts, and the U.N. proposed June 21st as 'International Yoga Day' to make India's presence in foreign affairs stronger than earlier. He also made efforts to strengthen religious diplomacy through Buddhism and Ramayana diplomacy to create a bond between countries like China and Southeast Asia.

Conclusion

Digital diplomacy reflects the evolving nature of international relations and underscores the need for diplomatic efforts to adapt to technological advancements. It's not just about diplomats in suits and ties anymore; it's about diplomats navigating digital networks, hashtags, and online conversations. As the world becomes increasingly interconnected through digital means, mastering the art of digital diplomacy is becoming a crucial skill for modern diplomats and global leaders alike.

IMMIGRATION

SAHAAN PULHANI



Welcome to our thought-provoking blog, where we delve into the fascinating topic of immigration and its profound impact on the national identity of nations worldwide. In an increasingly interconnected and globalized world, the movement of people across borders has become a defining feature of our time. As countries open their doors to immigrants, the intricate interplay between cultural understanding, social dynamics, economic effects, and political landscapes emerges, shaping the fabric of nations.

CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AND SOCIAL COMBINATIONS

Immigration brings many diverse cultures, traditions, and languages which possibly affect the identity of the nation, while multiple leaders think that this is disadvantageous to the country as this brings about cultural changes while many see this as a boon to the nation. However, immigrants help in expanding the culture by introducing many new ideas and customs along with altering the culture by bringing in new religions, ideas, customs, cuisines, arts etc. While this might be both liked and disliked, it can't be denied that it adds the risk of existing cultures being abolished. This leads to the desire for immigrants to adapt and understand and adopt the cultures of the particular nation they immigrate to rather than bringing their cultures there as many believe in a fixed mindset of cultural separatism to keep cultures separate as mixing of cultures leads to the decline of both cultures.

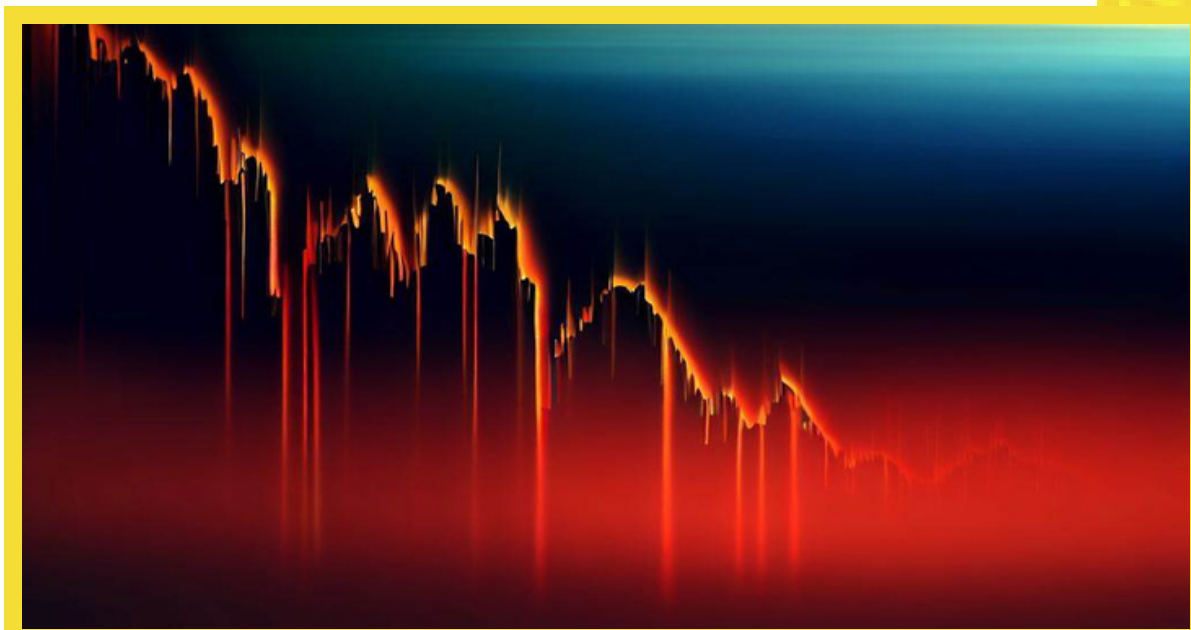
ECONOMIC EFFECTS

People against immigration believe in the misconception that immigrants take away and steal the jobs which would otherwise land in the hands of natives. However, research shows that immigrants have positive effects on the overall economy of the nation as they generally don't compete for the same jobs and instead increase their productivity. As they mainly uplift the economy by increasing the labour supply whilst encouraging innovation and revolution. New arrivals to the nation also may possibly assist in driving business creations, fill essential requirements in workplaces, and create new jobs which would eventually lead to economic growth.

It is believed that the success of a nation lies in the hands of its people, which is why it is appreciated when people from different places and knowledge come and contribute to the nation.



For example, the U.S. shows that immigration added \$2 trillion to the U.S. GDP in 2016 and nearly \$458.7 billion to the federal taxes while if immigration is cut, the country would lose approx. 2% GDP in 2 decades, nearly 4.6 million jobs: So it is safe to say, they do rely and depend on immigration for a stable economy.



OUR NATION

KEYUR KUMAR

India, a land of colors and dreams,
Where ancient wisdom forever gleams.
From snow-capped peaks to golden sand,
A tapestry of beauty, truly grand.

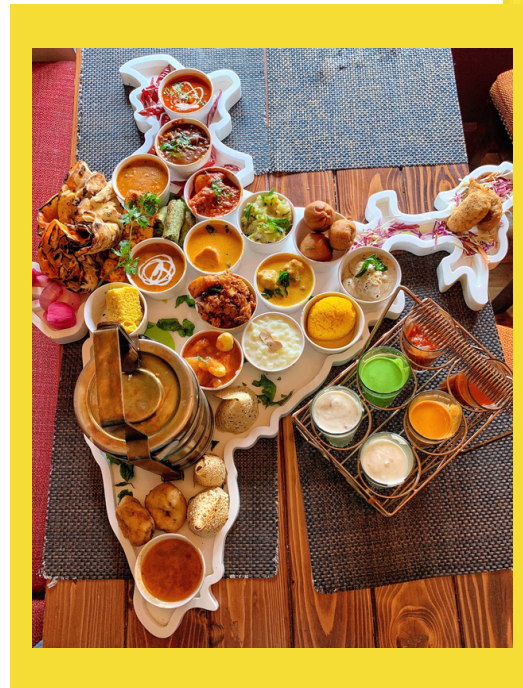
Temples adorned with intricate art,
Mosques and churches, playing their part.
The Ganges, sacred, flowing with grace,
A lifeline of faith for every embrace.

Diverse cultures, a vibrant blend,
Harmony in differences, we transcend.
Bollywood's magic, music in the air,
A cultural feast beyond compare.

Inventions, discoveries, contributions immense,
From science to math, a global recompense.
Freedom's struggle, a journey revered,
India's resilience, eternally endeared.

Majestic wildlife, jungles so lush,
Where nature's marvels enchant and hush.
Warm hearts and hospitality wide,
India's spirit, a national pride.

Oh, India, your legacy we admire,
A land that ignites passions afire.
With pride and love, we stand by your side,
Forever in our hearts, India's glory will abide.



URI: THE SURGICAL STRIKE

ARJUN MANN

I had the privilege of watching the action-packed film "URI: The Surgical Strike" as a youthful movie fan. This Bollywood masterpiece, which Aditya Dhar directed, takes viewers on a riveting trip while showcasing the Indian military services' unwavering resolve. URI is a must-watch for individuals seeking an adrenaline rush and an understanding of the true meaning of patriotism since it features thrilling action sequences and an engrossing story.

The movie is based on events that occurred during the surgical strikes that the Indian Army carried out in 2016 in response to a terrorist attack on an army base in Uri, Jammu & Kashmir. Major Vihaan Singh Shergill, the determined and brave army officer in charge of the expedition, is played admirably by Vicky Kaushal.

In addition to being an exciting thriller, URI explores the emotional and private sacrifices made by troops and their families. The film expertly depicts the camaraderie among troops, their unshakeable commitment to defending the country, and the toll it has on their personal lives. The scenes showing the soldiers' training, camaraderie, and unwavering commitment to duty are especially moving.

One of the movie's greatest assets is its capacity to inspire spectators with a sense of pride and patriotism. As a young viewer, I found myself firmly supporting the valiant warriors as they boldly entered enemy territory.



The supporting actors, including Paresh Rawal, Mohit Raina and Yami Gautam delivered compelling performances which contribute to the depth and authenticity of the story. Dialogues are very powerful and deeply resonant with the audience. This emotional attachment is further reinforced by the film's music, particularly the patriotic anthem "Challa", which continues to have a lasting impact.

URI: The Surgical Strike is a terrific movie that masterfully combines action, feeling and patriotism. Because of its outstanding acting, amazing action scenes and gripping narrative, it's one of the classic films to watch and enjoy.



INDIA'S PRESIDENCY

DAKSH ARORA

G20 or the Group of 20 is an annual summit formed in 1999. The G20 was established as a platform for the Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors to discuss international economic and financial concerns. It is conducted with a rotating Presidency in charge.

It includes the European Union as well as 19 other nations including India, Germany, Argentina, Canada, Australia, Brazil, China, France, Indonesia, United Kingdom, Italy, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Japan, United States, Turkey, South Africa, and Saudi Arabia. These members contribute to nearly two-thirds of the world's population, over 75% of global commercial activity, and 85% of the world's GDP.

There are two simultaneous programmes at the G20: the Finance Track and the Sherpa Track. Sherpas are in charge of the Sherpa Track while the Finance Track is led by central bank governors and finance ministers.

23 years after the formation of G20, on 1st December 2022, India took over from Indonesia as the G20 forum's president, making it a historic day. The



G20 presidency of India, which has the largest democracy and the fastest-growing economy in the world, will be essential in building on the noteworthy accomplishments. The Maha Upanishad, an ancient Sanskrit scripture, serves as the inspiration for the G20 theme of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam," which translates to "One Earth, One Family, One Future," during India's presidency.

The logo: The radiant hues of India's national flag—saffron, white, green, and blue—were used as references for the G20 Logo. Planet Earth is distinguishable by the lotus, the national flower of India, symbolizing development over adversity. The Earth reflects India's pro-planet ideology of living in total coherence with nature. The word "Bharat" is written in the Devanagari script beneath the G20 symbol.



Through the Amrit Kaal programme, India is on a quest to create a shared global future for everyone. India seeks to advance a rules-based system, peace, and equitable progress for everyone while also having a defined strategy and a development-focused approach. The six main goals of India's G20 leadership will be strengthened by the 200+ events scheduled in the run-up to the 2023 Summit.

The six main targets are:

1. Green Development, Climate Finance & LiFE:

A top goal for India's presidency is addressing climate change, with an emphasis on energy transitions for developing countries worldwide as well as climate financing and technology.

The problem of climate change affects each business, field, and community. As a result, India offers the world LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment), a behaviour-based movement that draws on the rich, long history of sustainability of the country to encourage consumers and markets to adopt environmentally friendly habits.

2. Accelerated, Inclusive & Resilient Growth:

Sustainable development depends on rapid, robust, and inclusive growth. India, during its G20 Presidency, intends to concentrate on sectors that possess the ability to bring about fundamental change. This includes a desire to encourage trade for growth, advance labour rights and ensure worker welfare to solve the global skill gap and develop inclusive agriculture value chains and food systems, among other things the G20 presidency will provide a thrust to the system and processes.

3. Accelerating progress on SDGs:

India intends to concentrate on renewing the G20's commitment to achieve the goals outlined in the 2030 Plan of Action for Sustainable Development.

4. Technological Transformation & Digital Public Infrastructure:

India might highlight its commitment to a human-centred view of technology and promote greater knowledge exchange in key areas like financial inclusion, digital public infrastructure, and tech-enabled growth in industries spanning from farming to education.

5. Multilateral Institutions for the 21st century:

India's another top objective at the G20 will be to maintain pressure for multilateralism reform that builds a multipolar global framework that is more responsible, inclusive, fair and democratic.

6. Women-led development:

India aims to utilise the G20 summit to emphasise inclusive expansion and advancement, with women's representation and empowerment at the centre of India's G20 discussions. In order to further socioeconomic growth and the fulfilment of the SDGs, this involves an emphasis on elevating women into prominent roles.

In conclusion, the G20 holds considerable significance for India due to its economic size, regional influence, and global aspirations. India's involvement in the G20 enables it to shape international economic policies, advocate for its developmental priorities, enhance its diplomatic engagements, and contribute to global solutions for pressing challenges.



Poster by Daksh Arora

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Crème Brûlée Recipe

SHOHAM KHANDEKAR

Crème Brûlée is a classic French dessert, with a smooth custard base topped with a caramelized sugar crust. Originating from France, this indulgent treat has captured the hearts of dessert lovers worldwide. Here is the recipe to make one yourself!

Steps:

1. Preheat the oven to 150°C (300°F)
2. In a bowl, whisk together the egg yolks and sugar until binded well.
3. Heat the heavy cream in a saucepan over medium-low heat until it simmers. Remove from heat.
4. Gradually pour the hot cream into the egg mixture, whisking continuously.
5. Stir in the vanilla extract.
6. Divide the custard mixture into ramekins or oven-safe dishes.
7. Place the ramekins in a baking pan and fill the pan with hot water half-way up the sides of the ramekins.
8. Bake for 40-45 minutes until the custard is set around the edges but still slightly jiggly in the center.
9. Remove from the oven and let the custards cool. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours.
10. Then afterwards, sprinkle a thin layer of granulated sugar over each custard and caramelize the sugar using a kitchen torch or broiler.
11. Then serve and enjoy the creamy and caramelized delight of **Crème Brûlée!**

Ingredients:

- 4 egg yolks
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar, (plus extra for caramelizing)
- 1 and 1/2 cups heavy cream (whipped cream)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract



TRIVIA

ESH GUPTA

1. In which country are the world's 10 coldest cities located?



- a. Canada
- b. Sweden
- c. Russia
- d. Nepal



2. Which continent has the maximum number of countries?

- a. Asia
- b. Europe
- c. South America
- d. Africa

3. Which of the following is a means of forced ethnic change?

- a. Cultural Persecution
- b. Mass detention and expulsion
- c. Directed settlement
- d. All of the above



Answers: 1) c. 2) d. 3) d.

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