

## FORGING AHEAD!!

In the summer season the sun is most active, it means that every thing in the nature gets a lot of energy from the Sun, to support life , breeding & feeding. And, taking our cue from nature we jumped into the new session with a lot of energy.

To start with, we decided to warm up to the parents and orient them to new beginnings. A host of orientation programmes for all the classes and PTMs were conducted to ease parents and students into the new session.

To keep things interesting we have had English and Social Studies weeks for all the classes. These weeks are designed to give students a breadth of understanding of the subject. Also, numerous class and house activities were conducted to give students a peek into the real life.

Along with this we also planned a trip for students. School trips are the perfect opportunity for students to bond with each other and get away from the stress of home work, class work and various other classes that they remain busy with.

Students from classes 9-12 went on a four day trip to Nainital from 21st May to 25th May 2023. The trip was organized by Rocksport and the theme for this trip was 'Skill of surviving in the forest'. It was an action packed trip. A lot of adventure activities and trekking expeditions were planned to keep the students occupied in a positive manner.

It may be time for the Summer break , but we have organized cricket, basket ball, hand writing, abacus and vedic math classes as part of our Summer Camp to keep the students engaged in a constructive manner.





# A BOUQUET OF COLOURS



Summers in Delhi are extremely hot. They are characterised by extreme heat, low humidity and very strong hot winds referred to as 'loo'. The weather of Delhi is not very pleasant this time of the year. People go to hill stations and out of the country to escape the scorching heat. But, people often miss out on the beautiful flora of Delhi during this time. Delhi is a beautiful city of Colours during summers.

On the one hand there is unpleasantness in the weather and on the other hand the flowers and trees are so colourful and beautiful that they are a sight to sore eyes. Some of the most beautiful trees that are found in Delhi during this time are: Gulmohar Trees- One of the world's most beautiful trees. Gulmohar is the most famous outdoor plant of Delhi.

The scientific name of the Gulmohar tree is *Delonix Regia*. It is also known as the Royal Poinciana, Krishna Chura, the Mayflower tree, the Flamboyant Tree, the Peacock tree, and the Flame tree. Gulmohar tree bears one of the most beautiful flowers. The flowers are deep orange, scarlet or rarely yellow in the burning hot summer of Delhi. Gulmohar has been an inspiration to many artists, poets and writers.

Jarul Trees-Jarul is also called the pride of India. It is one of the most beautiful trees of the world. It bears pinkish to purplish flowers. They are best to take pictures of.

Amaltas tree is also known as golden shower, purging cassia, Indian laburnum,

Kani Konna or pudding-pipe tree. It is a flowering plant and bears bright yellow flowers hence the name golden shower. It is also the state flower of Kerala, a popular ornamental plant and is also used in herbal medicine.

Along with these you will also find Shahtoot, Khirni Tree, Arabian Jasmine and many more. These trees will make your mood bright and colourful.

Hence, we can say that summers in Delhi bring with them colours of hope.

So, when you are feeling down and out, put on your shoes and go for a walk and enjoy the colourful sights that the city has to offer.

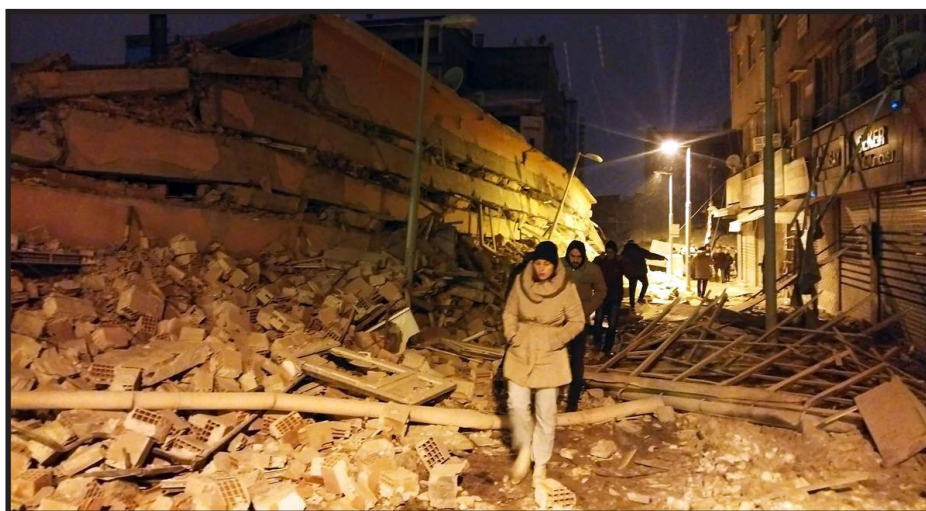
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## A HEART WRENCHING TALE -TURKEY

How would you feel if everything you have gets taken away and you are left with nothing, not even a place to live?

Well that's what happened to the people of Turkey and Syria. On the 6th of Feb 2023, a magnitude 7.8 earthquake occurred in southern Turkey near the northern border of Syria. 59,259 people lost their lives,

50,783 in Turkey, 8,476 in Syria and 107,204 were injured. Close to 18 million people in Turkey and Syria have been impacted by this. Millions have been displaced from their homes with over 10 million in need of urgent aid. People lost their families and have no shelter. More than 1.5 million people have been left homeless without anything to eat or even decent clothes.



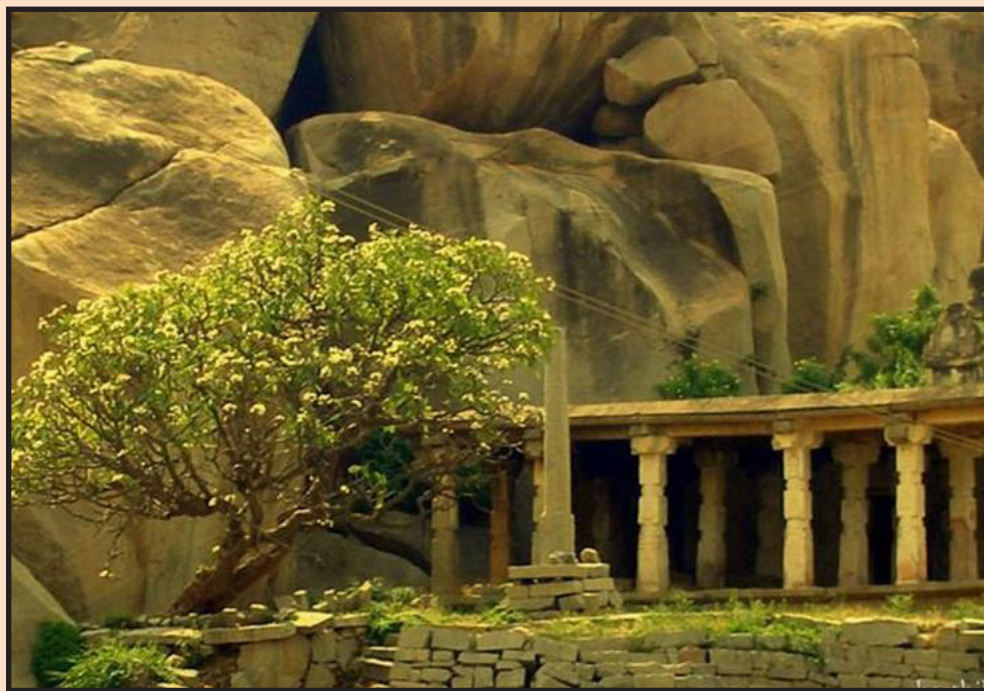
In a camp set up by Turkey's disaster relief arm and in the makeshift settlements in the fields around it, survivors of the quake say they do not have enough food, water, heating or basic amenities to keep themselves alive.

These are the conditions of the people there. Absolutely heartbreaking. Little children struggling to survive with no food and shelter. Even thinking about this makes our hearts ache. We need to reach out to them and donate as much as we can. Also, it's time we started appreciating things we have right now, instead of complaining about what we don't have because life is unpredictable and we don't know what tomorrow holds for us.

*Samika Malhotra, IXA*



# EXPLORE THE UNEXPLORED



Here comes summer and with it the holidays which are probably the best part of it. Now a good vacation is one of the most basic need for all. After spending months in the busy, hectic atmosphere of Delhi, it is obvious that our minds and bodies need a break! So here are a few less explored places in India that would work as a great refuge for those who wish to take a break from their busy lifestyles and the towering buildings and chaos of our capital.

## 1. Gurez Valley, Kashmir

Surreal landscapes, cool air, breathtaking backdrops and the sound of gushing rivers are the common places in Gurez Valley. The regular sight of shepherds and fields feels like a scene out of the movie “Bambi”. Its strategic location right below the ‘Line of Control’ makes the valley one of the most protected land in India. May to September are the best times to visit this blissful elevation as the weather is just as pleasant and welcoming as it can be. Some attractions in the Gurez Valley are Wular Lake, Razdan Pass, Peer Baba Shrine etc.

## 2. Damro, Arunachal Pradesh

Definitely a hidden route to heaven, Damro charms with thatched bamboo houses, swaying suspended bridges and laid-back lifestyle of the locals. Among

the list of unexplored places in India, it is a rural sort of a getaway for exhausted city dwellers. The sights of harvested crops, not-so-wild bison, vast expanse of meadows and grasslands are quite welcoming. Some attractions are the Damro Labokellie, tea gardens etc

## 3. Kila Raipur, Punjab

Kila Raipur — the base to Rural Olympics, is known not just for its engaging games but also for its vibrant culture and people. The festivities and pomp, including engaging dance performances and traditional plays will take you through an unforgettable trip. The sports destination is believed to be a place where you can befriend valiant and strong people. The energy of the place is other-worldly which makes it one of the best unexplored places in India.

## 4. Jawai, Rajasthan

For those who seek refuge somewhere more wild, Jawai is just the place. Not known to many, Jawai Leopard Camp is the newest and the coolest addition to leopard spotting destinations in India. And, it is not just the feline, the place is abuzz with flamingos, geese, cranes and other migratory birds. If lucky, you may find a fair share of sloth bears, Indian wolves and antelopes here too.

## 5. Pilibhit Tiger Reserve, Uttar Pradesh

Pilibhit Tiger Reserve is located in Pilibhit district of Uttar Pradesh and was notified as a tiger reserve in 2014.

It is a multitude of many species of animals. As obvious as it is, the place gets its name from the tigers that roam in the forests of Pilibhit. Forests in Pilibhit have at least 65 tigers and atleast five species of deer.

You can enjoy the open jeep safaris in the depth of the jungles, experience night safaris, dine at Chuka Beach and enjoy many of its commodities here. Anyways this place is quite a dream of those who dream of being adventurous in the wild .

## 6. Mainpat, Chhattisgarh

You may not have heard of a large Tibetan settlement in India except Dharamshala, but the gomoas (temples) of Mainpat are truly heavenly and unexplored. One of the most beautiful of all the unseen places in India, Mainpat is home to Thakpo Shedupling Monastery built in 1970.

It is an important attraction here. There are several old thangkas and wall murals that decorate the interiors of this monastery. If you are a cholesterol or high blood pressure patient, do visit the farms of tau, commonly known as buckwheat. It is said to possess healing properties.

So, anyone who is stressed and experiences such illnesses they can surely give this place a try .

While most of us tend to spend our vacations abroad by spending hefty amounts of money we can just visit these marvelous places which are just waiting to be explored and to embrace us in the warm hospitalities of their landscapes, cultures and lifestyles.

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# DOWNFALL OF THE MARVEL CINEMATIC UNIVERSE



The Marvel Cinematic Universe, or MCU as it is more often known as, is very prominent throughout the world for its highly successful superhero films. The original six official Marvel superheroes, collectively known as the first six original “Avengers,” namely Captain America, Iron Man, Hulk, Thor, Black Widow, and Hawkeye are enamored with their numerous hits. Their films, both individually and

collectively as the original six, have achieved the greatest box office success worldwide. The most current and last film featuring the original six Avengers, Avengers Endgame (2019), became one of the largest global hits, grossing 279, 75 crores USD. The third phase of the MCU also came to an end with this film. Fans were disappointed that the main Avengers had retired from the MCU, but they were also

very excited for phase 4 to begin. Without a doubt, this phase has experienced both highs and lows. This phase began with Black Widow’s first standalone film which was a huge failure owing to the plot and the poor cgi (computer generated images). This was a tremendous let down for fans who had high hopes for this film. Many new characters were also introduced during this phase. Shang Chi, the second film in this era, was a huge success since it introduced a new character and, eventually, a new phase of the MCU. But, not all characters were well received, notably those from the film The Eternals, which was a significant blunder because it undercut the Avengers and had no link to the MCU at all. During this stage, the creators focused on quantity

rather than quality. They introduced and released film after film, including several series. The only film of this era that thrilled audiences and did not disappoint them was Spider-Man: Far From Home. This period saw more disasters, and even films with great hopes, such as Thor: Love and Thunder and Doctor Strange: Multiverse of Madness had horrible scripts. Is it acceptable to state that this period of marvel was not memorable? As a Marvel fan, I can and will say that it was not a good time or phase for them, and that the old phases 1, 2, and 3 can never be topped. But will the MCU recover from this dip with upcoming films like Guardians of the Galaxy: Vol. 3 and the new phase 5? I suppose only time will tell.

*Anaya Misra, XI*

## MY FAMILY

My name is Delisha Garg. My birthday falls in the month of August. I am 9 years old. I like to play with cars I have a joint family of 6 family members. I have a brother, mother, father, grandmother and grandfather . I play a lot with my brother. His name is Daksh Garg. He is a very caring brother. I am thankful to God for such a lovely brother. He is 13 years old. We both are in the same school - The Pinnacle School . My mother’s name is Surati Garg. She is 38 years old. Her happiness is my happiness and sadness is my sadness. My father’s name is Prakhar Garg. He is an advocate. He is a very busy person. He plays UNO card games and other games with me. My grandparents love me a lot. They take me and my brother to the market. My grandfather teaches me E.V.S while my grandmother teaches me Hindi. They are very caring. I feel blessed to have such a doting family.

*Delisha Garg, 4A*

## MY FAVOURITE FOOD

My favourite food is.....um.....chhole bhature! I seriously love chhole bhature. I wasn’t a vegetarian, until recently. I stopped eating chicken two months ago. If I would have been a non-vegetarian, I would 100% pick mutton curry with rice. But for now its, chhole bhature. My mother makes the best chhole bhature in the world. I have eaten in many hotels, but I still don’t like it.

I can eat chhole bhature my whole life!

My dad says that it is unhealthy. But when my mother makes chhole bhature my dad is the first one to finish his meal. This is why chhole bhature is my favourite!



*Aaliya Gupta, 6B*