

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.

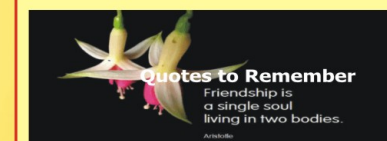
- Sanjukta Ray.

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.

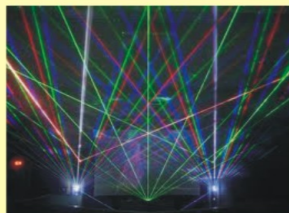
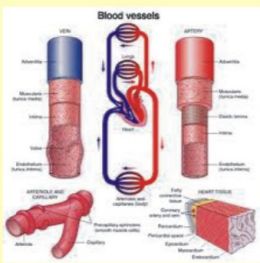


Few people realise that non smokers can also suffer from some diseases if they inhale smoke from others smokers. Realising the gravity, our govt. has banned smoking in public places. What is needed is a sense of responsibility among the smokers that while causing harm to themselves, they try not to harm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

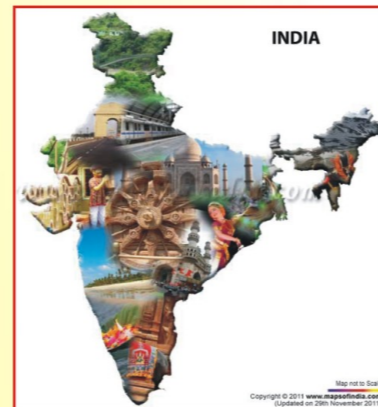
Riddles

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



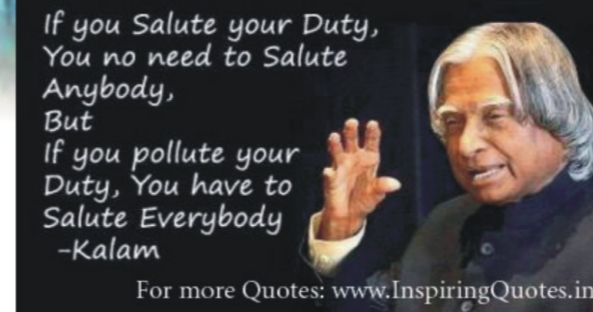
India stay one in all
Never let the unity fall.

-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

We just can't spend our lives waiting to live!

'Wake up, or you will be late for school' is the same line we hear from our moms every morning. Everyday our alarms ring at 5:30 am. We get out of our beds, take a shower, brush our teeth, wear our school dress, and go to the bus stops waiting for our school buses to come. We reach our school, go to the morning assembly, then go to our class, get scoldings for not doing our homework, come back to our homes at around 3:30 pm, go to tuition, come back home again eat our dinner, go to sleep, and again follow the same routine the next day. Well, this boring part of my essay is just a brief description of how we "spend" our day to day lives. It feels as if we are robots performing the same activities everyday. We are no more humans but machines who just do our daily activities. According to me we all should take a short break and just live our lives for a while. Yes! We should take short breaks and do things which we actually like to do. If I got a break in this hectic life of mine the first thing I would do is take a long nap since we, grade 10 students hardly get any time to sleep. Not only students but teachers should also take short breaks. For students who study in grade 1 to 8 can do a number of things during your holidays. You can go out on short trips, go out for movies, shopping, sleep over at friend's house, go out camping and do lot of other activities. If you don't do these things at this stage of your life when you'll get promoted to grade 9 and 10 you will think, 'God, why didn't I have fun while I had the time to, now the only thing I have to do is just studying. Each and every student (including me) spend everyday of our lives thinking about the day when we'll actually get to live our lives. But if we keep waiting for that day it will never come because we don't know what fate has for us the next day. So we should just live our lives while we are alive; why wait for tomorrow. If we just wait we will only regret; because student life is the most horrible and also the best part of our lives. It comes only once and we should make full use of it rather than letting it pass away just like that.

-Kankonika Bhattacharyya, Class-X

Will they ever meet.....?

The dawn breaks and the sparkling sun lights up the whole sky. Beneath it lay the vast flowing river and seas, flowing and flowing endlessly, Inexplicably beautiful! There lay the people on the shore, staring at the sky and the sea, Asking the question – 'will they meet?' Do you think they will ever come to see each other?

Can they ever even steal a glance at each other? Can they ever fill up the blanks in people's mind?

Or ever give chance to click and frame it in their homes? Do you think they will ever meet?

-Chaitanya Gopalan, Class-XA



Discipline: A Rule of Life

- Required to prove: Discipline, A Rule of life to reach Success.
- Step I – According to the Alphabetical order the letters D, I, S, C, I, P, L, I, N and E are 4th, 9th, 19th, 3rd, 16th, 12th and 14th.
- Step II – Procedure

D	–	4
I	–	9
S	–	19
C	–	3
I	–	9
P	–	16
L	–	12
I	–	9
N	–	14
E	–	5
		<u>100</u>
- Conclusion : Success = 100% Discipline
- Inference : Thus a 100% disciplined person is 100% successful in life.

-Prerona, Class-XB

LIVE AND DIE

Live and die
To wish everyone hie
Go with your heart,
Because it's the God
Don't trust your mind,
Cuz devils are never kind.



Live and die
To reach the sky
Learn to guess
Don't be depressed.
Take risk or be easy
Let's see which is the best.

Live and die
Smile and cry
Love and hate
Kindly manage your fate
Win or lose,
Any of the one you choose.

Live and die
Don't be shy
Keep the promise,
Fulfill your wish
Read and Write
N keep yourself bright

Live and die
To say everyone good bye.
No one will care
Whether you are here.
Life will remain the same
As it was forever

-Pritha Pal, Class-XA

The month of Freedom – August

As soon as the month of August comes, we will think of the Independence Day celebration and a number of competitions both inter house and inter-school. Then there is the FA2 coming up. The month of August will go flying taking the students to the month of September and SA1. Let every day be a day of preparation practice and action to succeed in life, to live life to the full.

THEY HAVE SHOWN THE WAY AND HELD IVWS FLAG HIGH (2013)

I – CHESS : Anupam Dutta, Eka Narayan, Ishir Narayan, Moodita Gupta and Brishti Hazra.

Eka Narayan has won 2nd position in school chess FIDE Rating tournament, All Bengal Open Age Group(U-10)Chess tournament and 3rd in All Bengal Open Chess tournament Age Group (U-10).

Anupam Dutta has won 2nd position in School Chess FIDE Rating Tournament and in School Chess tournament organised by Behala Chess Club. He also won 3rd position in FIDE Rating Chess tournament Age Group(U-10).

Ishir Narayan has won 2nd position in the State Senior Chess championship Age Group (U-8) organised by W.Bengal Chess Association. He also won the 3rd Position in All Bengal open chess tournament Age Group(U-8).



Winners of the Inter School Quiz Tournament held at National High School
On 27th July 2013.
Names : 1. Shubho Chowdhuri- X-A
2. Rounak Haolader – VIII-A
3. Prerana Chatterjee – VI-A

Our winners of the Inter School Competition, "AWAKENING" held on 20th July '13, At IVWS.
Debate (Group I) – Aarantha Roy 1st Position
Mono Act (Group I) – Eka Narayan 2nd Position
Creative Writing: Rupsa Dhar (Group II) 1st position
Aditya Nandy (Group I) 2nd position and
Rounak Haolader (Group II) 2nd position



Our Table Tennis School Champion: 1st Saransh Agarwal – IX-C
2nd Mainak Ghosh – IX-A
3rd Praveen Kr Agarwal – IX-C



Our winners of the Elocution Competition held in the school.

I & II: 1st – Dibyadipan Bhattacharya – II K
2nd – Tapasa Sutradhar – I L
3rd – Samita Mohanty – II C

III & IV: 1st – Disha Banerjee – III A
2nd – Shankhamala Banerjee – III K
3rd – Roshni Dhar – III A

VI & VII: 1st - Rishiraj Mukherjee – VII A
2nd – Sreejita Mukherjee – VII B
Rupnanda Bhowmick – VII C
3rd – Kaushani Chatterjee – VI A

IX & X: 1st - Sashreek Ganguly – IX B
Pragati Adak – XA
2nd - Stithadhi Mukherjee – XA
3rd - Sneha Mandal – IX C

Winners of the Speech Competition.

V & VI: 1st – Kaushani Chatterjee - VI A
2nd – Prerana Chatterjee – VI A

VII & VIII: 1st – Anusha Choudhury – VIII C
2nd – Rupsa Dhar – VIII A
Ishita Joshi – VIII B

IX & X: 1st – Tushita Joshi – X A
2nd – Pragati Adak – X A

IVWS, YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

Academic session 2013-14 dawned on 8th April 2013, at IVWS. Students and teachers were back to school after a short break. Their faces showed that they were happy to be back in school. There were some new faces and some beginners either as Toddlers or as Kindergarten learners. It didn't take long for even these very young minds to settle down, thanks to the wonderful environment and loving people around.

THE UNEVENTFULL APRIL

The month of April saw students at IVWS settling down in new classes, to study. The month passed off with little or no activities except for the orientation days at the school for the Parents and Guardians. The month culminated with a wonderful magic show for the Pre-primary kids.

THE HOT MAY

The month of May came and there was the talk of FA1 which didn't take place then. There was the Rabindra Jayanti celebration on 19th May. Before the school closed for summer vacation on 17th May, there was the story telling competition for the students of Grade I to IV and two minutes competition for the students of Grade V to X. Everyone participated in these events, and performed well.



JUNE, A month of Tests & Competitions

The school re-opened after summer vacation and the monsoon had set in. Children came to school in full force. Holidays were not extended. FA! Has to be fared. Most of them were prepared and the others made last minute preparations and came to know that these last minute preparations are of 'no good'. Then came the much looked forward to singing competition. There was great participation and great performances. Some of the students performed exceptionally well. Congratulations!

The Rainy July

Students came to know how they had fared in FA1. Those who had spent some time with the books during the summer holidays, had smiles on their faces when they got the results. The PTM took place on the 6th and 13th May. Majority of the parents had the opportunity to meet the class teachers and subject teachers and discuss with them the progress of their wards.

Elocution competition was held for all the students from Grade I to X. It was compulsory for all to participate. All the participants put up excellent performance. The principal said that for the 1st time IVWS saw great performance by all the participants and he congratulated them profusely. On the day of P.T.M, children and parents visited the book fare put up by STARMARK and OXFORD at the school premises. It was heartening to see number of students purchasing books of their choice.

On 10th July there was an election at IVWS. All the students from Grade VI to X voted and elected the head boy and head girl of IVWS. Abhishek and Pragati Adak both from Grade XA were elected. The investiture ceremony took place on 22nd July in a special assembly organised by the students of Grade XA. After the oath taking ceremony, the principal handed over the badges to the head girl, head boy and to the captains & v.captains of different houses. The principal reminded the student leaders their responsibility to lead by example.

On 20th July, IVWS organised an inter-school competition titled AWAKENING, in which 18 schools of the city participated. The whole event was meticulously planned and executed. Students competed in Creative writing, Debate and in Mono Act. Each event had three categories. Our students participated in all events and in all the

categories and we are proud of our students who performed so beautifully. It was indeed wonderful to hear names of Eka Narayan and Arantha Deb (both IVWS students) being announced for coming 2nd in Mono Act and 1st in Debate respectively in their respective category. Congratulations to both these students for their winning performances.

On 27th July IVWS participated in an Inter-School Quiz Competition organised by National High School for Girls, Kolkata. Mr Barry O'Brien conducted this Quiz event in which the top schools of the city participated. IVWS is thrilled that we have carried away the trophy. The students who led the school to this historic victory are, Prerana Chatterjee of grade VI-A, Rounak Haolader of grade VIII-A and Shubho Chowdhuri of grade X-A.

Congratulations to the participants. Keep it up!

July also saw the arrival of 5 pianos at IVWS. These digital pianos will definitely quench the thirst of some students who long to play the piano. A pianist will be appointed so as to train the students.



SURVIVOR OF UTTARAKHAND

Dear God,

My family and I had gone to Kedarnath in order to thank you for getting me a job. We reached there on 14th June. We were just asleep and suddenly we heard a loud noise around 3:00 am and then there was a complete black out. Next day when my eyes opened, I saw that everything was in ruins. I saw a number of dead bodies around me. And the worst part is that I also lost my parents forever. God, what mistake did I make that you punished me like this? God, is this the way you bless your devotees? Now, I regret and question. "Why did I go to Kedarnath?" I am now alone at my home having no one to share my sorrow with. Lord, I have one request, please tell my parents who are up there with you that I am missing them a lot and also tell them that I am totally alright. I wish you help out all the others who are facing this calamity and fury of nature better than you have helped me. I hope that everything gets alright fast.



Yours

Used to be devotee

Tushita Joshi, Class-XA

HOW TO REACH THE GOAL OF YOUR LIFE

- Choose the mountain you want to climb: don't pay attention to what other people say, such as "that one's more beautiful" or "this one's easier". You'll be spending lots of energy and enthusiasm to reach your objective, so you're the only one responsible and you should be sure of what you're doing.
 - Know how to get close to it: mountains are often seen from far off – beautiful, interesting, full of challenges. But what happens when we try to draw closer? Roads run all around them, flowers grow between you and your objective, what seemed so clear on the map is tough in real life. So try all paths and all tracks until eventually one day you're standing in front of the top that you had yearned to reach.
 - Learn from someone who has already been up there: no matter how unique you feel, there is always someone who has had the same dream before you and ended up leaving marks that can make your journey easier; places to hang the rope, trails, broken branches to make the walking easier. The climb is yours, so is the responsibility, but don't forget that the experience of others can help a lot.
- When seen up close, dangers are controllable: when you begin to climb the mountain of your dreams, pay attention to the surroundings. There are cliffs, of course. There are almost imperceptible cracks in the mountain rock. There are stones so polished by storms and rain that they have become as slippery as ice. But if you know where you are placing each footstep, you will notice the traps and how to get around them.
 - The landscape changes, so enjoy it: of course, you have to have an objective in mind – to reach the top. But as you are going up, more things can be seen, and stop now and again to enjoy the panorama around you. At every meter conquered, you can see a little further, so use this to discover things that you still had not noticed.
 - Respect your body: you can only climb a mountain if you give your body the attention it deserves. You have all the time that life grants you, as long as you walk without demanding what can't be granted. If you go too fast you will grow tired and give up half way there. If you go too slow, night will fall and you will be lost. Enjoy the scenery, take delight in the cool spring water and the fruit that nature generously offers you, but keep on walking.
 - Respect your soul: don't keep repeating "I'm going to make it". Your soul already knows that, what it needs is to use the long journey to be able to grow, stretch along the horizon, touch the sky. An obsession does not help you at all to reach your objective, and even ends up taking the pleasure out of the climb. But pay attention: also, don't keep saying "it's harder than I thought", because that will make you lose your inner strength.
 - Be prepared to climb one kilometer more: the way up to the top of the mountain is always longer than you think. Don't fool yourself, the moment will arrive when what seemed so near is still very far. But since you were prepared to go beyond, this is not a problem.
 - Be happy when you reach the top: cry, clap your hands, shout to the four winds that you did it, let the wind – the wind is always blowing up there – purify your mind, refresh your tired and sweaty feet, open your eyes, clean the dust from your heart. It feels so good, what was just a dream before, a distant vision, is now part of your life, you did it!
 - Make a promise: now that you have discovered a force that you were not even aware of, tell yourself that from now on you will use this force for the rest of your days. Preferably, also promise to discover another mountain, and set off on another adventure.
 - Tell your story: yes, tell your story! Give your example. Tell everyone that it's possible, and other people will then have the courage to face their own mountains.

-Mayukh Bagchi-XB