

THE VALLEY WEEKLY

“IN SEEKING TRUTH YOU HAVE TO GET BOTH SIDES OF A STORY.”

IN THE BLOOM

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Capax Infinitum: Grasping the Infinite,
DPS Gurgaon
Position: Second
Category: Cryptic Hunt
Winner: Rishab Gupta (XII Aryabhata)
Position: Second
Category: AI Hackathon
Winners: Aditya Dudeja (XII Sarabhai),
Ekaksh Goyal (XII Aryabhata)

The Truth Served Funny Side Up,
Billabong High International
School
Position: First
Category: Laugh, Think, Change
Winners: Pakhee Chakraborty (IX
Alaska), Syed Zayan Asad (IX
Nilgiris), Aalya Sharma (IX
Andes), Aadi Singh (IX Alps),
Prachi Singh (VIII Shalimar),
Anika Singh (VIII Eden)

**I Can Record, Reflect and
Rise, LVISNE**
Position : First
Category: Best
Cinematography
Winners: Eshaan Garg (XII
Marx), Chris Simon (XII
Kumarappa), Gaurika Hans
(XI Eliot), Aayshee (XI Eliot)

Expressions 2025, Sommerville School
Position: Best Interjector and Runner Ups
Winners: Arshia Agarwal, Aashvik Mishra,
Aliya Agrawal (X Chanakya)



SOCIAL MEDIA: AN ECHO CHAMBER



ECHO CHAMBERS: WHAT ARE THEY?

Echo chambers are environments—often online—where people are exposed only to opinions that align with their own. This limits critical thinking, reinforces biases, and reduces exposure to diverse perspectives. Social media algorithms often worsen this by curating content users agree with, leading to polarization and a distorted understanding of broader realities.



THE CANDID CAMERA

• Click here to take a break!
<https://www.crazygames.com>

• Watch as our awkward graphic designer tries to take this week's interview :D

Tap on the picture to check it out! ↓



THE LOTUS LABYRINTH

POP QUIZ

1. Which social media platform is owned by Microsoft?
2. Who was the first person to reach 1 million followers on Twitter?
3. Who is the personality with the highest number of followers on Instagram?
4. What year did Instagram officially launch?
5. Which social media app is known for short, looping videos and was shut down in 2017?

LinkedIn, Ashton Kutcher, Cristiano Ronaldo, 2010, Vine

TRAPPED IN THE ECHO

When a certain idea is echoed back to an individual again and again, it reinforces the sense that those ideas are more valid than they may be. Such an illusion, also known as an echo chamber, does have numerous potential dangers. It not only spreads misleading information to wider platforms but also increases the division between groups by deepening ideological divides. Additionally, the lack of exposure to new perspectives can cause intellectual stagnation and limit our growth and thinking to the views that are dominant. However, there are ways we can achieve liberation from the norms of the network. Practicing critical thinking and media literacy is likely the most important of these. While scrolling your socials, it may be beneficial to seek different opinions in order to help make your own. Engaging in respectful debate is also a powerful tool in helping clear up confusion and form unique ideologies. To escape the echo, you must be willing to listen beyond it!



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STEMFINTY GAME STALLS!

STEM LC organised engaging game stalls to encourage holistic education. Children played a plethora of STEM-related games, winning prizes and learning at the same time. Additionally, an inter-house competition to solve the case of the stolen trophy was organised, with Alexandria emerging victorious and stealing the show! From finding the centre of gravity while trying to build an upside-down pyramid to learning how to identify healthy and dangerous bacteria, the students explored numerous scientific principles while having fun!

