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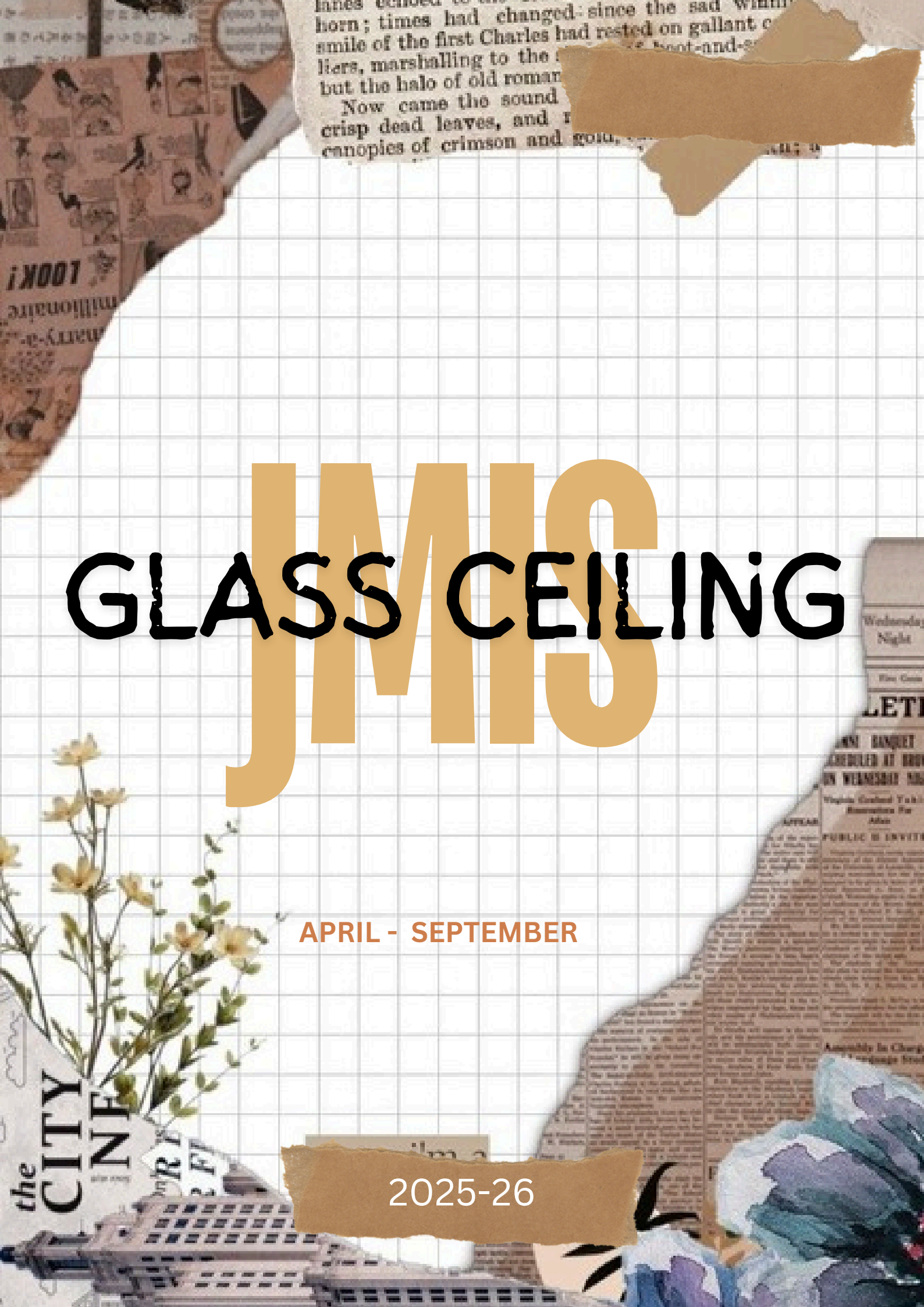
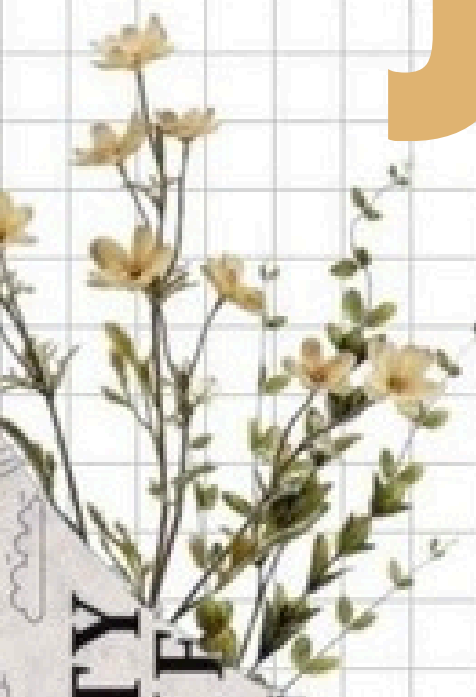


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WORLD NEWS

GLOBAL CONFLICTS, RISING TENSIONS, AND HUMANITY'S STRUGGLE FOR PEACE

~ SARTHAK JAIN X



In 2025, global news is full of dramatic changes, powerful rivalries, and big challenges affecting nearly every continent.

The conflict between Russia and Ukraine continues to shock the world, leaving cities in ruins and millions of people seeking safety. Despite high-level meetings like the recent summit between Presidents Trump and Putin in Alaska, hopes for a lasting peace remain uncertain. Ukraine is deeply concerned about being excluded from decisions about its own future, and ordinary people continue to bear the brunt of war.

The wave of unrest has also crashed into the Middle East, where the Israel-Gaza conflict is creating a severe humanitarian crisis. In Gaza, shortages of food, medical supplies, and basic necessities have led to famine and suffering. World leaders are locked in tense debates over possible solutions. Meanwhile, Africa faces its own battles, with Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo both wracked by civil wars and violent militia advancements. This violence is forcing families to flee their homes and destabilizing entire regions

Beyond these headline-grabbing conflicts, other challenges are also changing our world. The rivalry between the United States and China is not limited to oceans. It is also a race in technology, economics, and cybersecurity, with each nation trying to gain an advantage. North Korea's unpredictable actions are increasing stress for Asia's peaceful future. At the same time, wildfires, floods, and storms caused by climate change are forcing countries to work together on how to protect our planet. The spread of fake news online, boosted by new artificial intelligence tools, is making it even more difficult to know what is really happening in the world, which creates confusion and division.

CONCLUSION:

The human cost is clear: millions of refugees, hunger, and communities torn apart by violence. As students, understanding these events is more than just reading headlines. It is about preparing to become thoughtful citizens who can help build a better world.



OPINIONS & *debate*



OPINIONS AND VIEWS

DOES SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVISM ACTUALLY BRING CHANGE OR IS IT JUST “SLACKTIVISM”

BY AKSHITA TANWAR XI-A

Think about how quickly we all change our profile pictures when a tragedy strikes, or share an Instagram story with a trending hashtag. It feels like we are contributing, but are we really? Movements like #MeToo and BlackLivesMatter show the strength of online activism — they started as hashtags but soon spilled onto streets, forcing institutions and governments to take notice. In fact social media is actually faster than traditional media. During the 2020 Australian bushfires, global donations poured in after Instagram and Twitter campaigns.

Yet, we must oversee its usage in certain domains. Let's be honest, is clicking “share” enough? Was our post about #JusticeForStrays truly driven by empathy or a desire to be a part of what's popular? Critics argue that much of this activism is often reduced to “slacktivism” — easy gestures without real effort. It risks creating an illusion of participation, where people feel satisfied with symbolic gestures instead of volunteering, donating, or demanding accountability offline.

So where does the truth lie? Perhaps social media is not the revolution itself but a spark capable of inspiring dialogue, raising voices, and uniting people across borders. As a student, I feel social media activism gives my generation a voice we never had before, but I also believe that unless we step beyond the screen, that voice will remain only an echo. “If our activism ends with a share button, so does its impact.”



VERSUS BATTLE

Should high school students use social media during school hours?



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Allowing social media access during school hours can boost student morale and serve educational purposes. Students can connect with peers, form study groups, and share helpful resources in real time. Teachers might even integrate social media into learning by using it for class polls, discussions, or research. Permitting restricted access teaches digital citizenship, students learn when and how to use social platforms responsibly. In an age when many important conversations happen online, experiencing controlled use at school can help students develop self-regulation and communicate in digital formats they'll use in university or careers.



AGAINST THE MOTION

Letting students use social media during class distractions is a serious risk. Even limited use can fracture attention: a quick check of Instagram might lead to scrolling for minutes. This harms concentration and reduces learning. It also increases the temptation for cyberbullying, comparison, or off-task behavior. Unequal access might widen distractions for some and pressure others to stay logged in socially. Moreover, constant connectivity can increase anxiety and stress. Schools should provide structured breaks or times for use, but during instructional periods, focus should stay on learning, not on social feeds.

-Tisha Jain XI B

KNOW THE WORLD



The conflict between Israel and Palestine has been going on for many decades. It is one of the most serious and emotional issues in the world today because it is connected to history, religion, land, and human rights. People everywhere are divided in their opinions—some stand with Israel, while others support Palestine. Understanding both sides helps us learn about the importance of peace and coexistence. Those who support Israel believe that the Jewish people have a historic connection to the land for thousands of years. After the Holocaust, Israel became a safe homeland for Jews across the world. Supporters also point out that Israel has developed rapidly in science, technology, and security. Many people argue that Israel has the right to defend itself from attacks and terrorism, and that strong military action is sometimes necessary to protect its citizens. They believe peace can be built only when Israel feels secure. People who support Palestine argue that Palestinians have lived on this land for generations and deserve the right to independence. They feel Palestinians face struggles such as losing homes, limited freedoms, and living under occupation. Supporters say the world should recognize Palestine as a state where its people can live with dignity and equal rights. For them, peace cannot be achieved unless Palestinians are given justice, freedom, and fair treatment. The Israel–Palestine issue is complex and deeply emotional for both communities. Both sides have their histories, their pain, and their dreams for the future. While people may disagree on who is right, one thing is clear: violence has only caused more suffering. The real solution lies in peace, respect, and understanding so that Israelis and Palestinians can live side by side without fear. As students, we should learn from this conflict that dialogue and empathy are always better than hate

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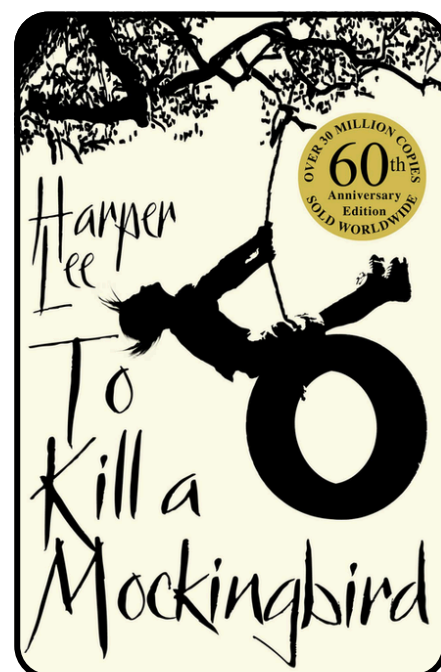
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BOOKS REVIEW

Book buzz

Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* unfolds through the eyes of Scout Finch a girl who is curious brave and confused by the world around her. She lives in Maycomb Alabama during the Great Depression with her older brother Jem and their father Atticus who teaches them that courage is not always loud. When Atticus agrees to defend Tom Robinson a black man falsely accused of a crime Scout watches injustice up close and sees how fear ignorance and prejudice hurt people. She also learns about kindness in unexpected places from Boo Radley a neighbor so quiet and mysterious that he belongs more to whispers than to daylight until he acts in compassion. The novel shows us how witnessing unfairness shapes empathy how innocence can be fragile and how real strength often means standing alone. At the end Scout understands that being human is messy painful beautiful and hopeful even when the world seems unkind.

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SPORTS

INSPIRING EVENTS AND PERSONALITIES OF THE
SPORTS FIELD

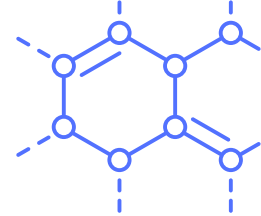
JOHN MCENROE

John McEnroe is more than a tennis legend known for explosive moments and iconic lines like “You cannot be serious.” He grew up in Queens surrounded by noise and energy, watching his parents push him to always do better. In his documentary "McEnroe" he admits that he often used anger to hide pain and fear.

He was rarely satisfied even when he won major titles. When he finally beat Björn Borg at Wimbledon in 1981, he said that moment was the only one that felt truly worth it. He also struggled outside the court with relationships and identity. In interviews he has shared what it was like growing up with constant pressure around him to perform perfectly.

Over time he has tried to change. He sought help for his mental health and learned how to allow himself to be vulnerable. He has spoken about being a father, a husband, a person who makes mistakes but also tries. McEnroe reminds us that even people who seem invincible still carry doubt, grow older, and seek peace.

• KRISHNA KUMAR XI A



Eco-IntelliCrete: The Concrete That Thinks, Heals, and Builds a Greener Future

Concrete is the most commonly used building material in the world, however, while concrete is strong, it has a critical weakness - cracks. Cracks happen because of shrinkage, thermal expansion, or overloading, and left untreated, water and chemicals can infiltrate the cracks and corrode the steel reinforcement inside the concrete. This allows the possibility for costly repairs over time, reduces durability and in worst-case scenarios, causes structural collapse.

To tackle this, I have proposed an idea called Eco-IntelliCrete, a new kind of self-healing, intelligent concrete. Unlike conventional methods that depend only on water or toxic healing agents, Eco-IntelliCrete integrates bacterial self-healing, humidity-responsive materials, and AI-powered sensors into a single system.



In this design, bacteria such as *Bacillus subtilis* are embedded in the concrete along with hygroscopic materials like silica gel, which absorb atmospheric moisture. Even in dry regions, this localized humidity activates the bacteria, which then produce calcium carbonate to seal cracks. For deeper cracks, eco-friendly capsules release mineral-based agents like sodium silicate. In addition, micro-channels allow engineers to inject nutrients every 10–20 years, enabling long-term, multiple healing cycles.

What makes Eco-IntelliCrete truly futuristic is its AI integration. Smart sensors inside the concrete continuously monitor strain, stress, and humidity, while machine learning algorithms analyze the data to predict crack formation and alert engineers.

This concept could double the lifespan of structures, reduce repair costs by 40–50%, and cut carbon emissions significantly making construction smarter, greener, and more sustainable.



- Kashish Prakash XI A



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THE JOURNEY

To highest regard of glory,
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Is not always true,
Still thinking about the
failure of life one has to face.

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but more groovy about,
sleeping in earth,
You'll figure it out.

The lesson one learns to live,
will not remain the same,
Until a flame is extinguished
That is of claim.

Diving into this dilemma,
One thinks about the things to save,
Every person plays a game,
In this journey of losses,
Gaining the ever raised trauma.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



“SOLACE & SERENITY”

• TISHA JAIN XI B