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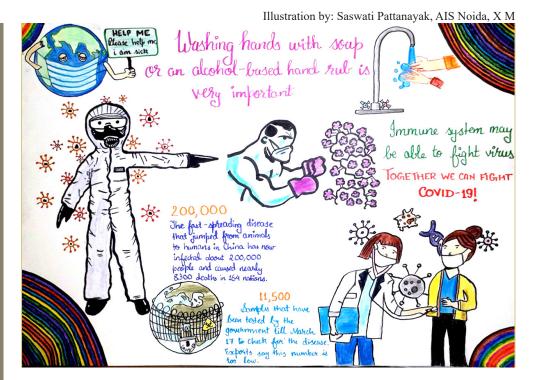
Creative might



Dr Amita Chauhan Chairperson

How are you all doing? I pray that you and families are happy, safe and healthy. The time we are witnessing is very unique something which the humanity has probably witnessed for

over more than 100 years. Our healthcare, sanitation, hospitality and IT professionals, soldiers, and essential services maintenance staff across the globe have emerged as true corona warriors. I am glad to see that my Amitians too have put up a brave front and decided to beat corona with creativity. Amitians have wielded the power of education and technology to articulate their feelings and engage their hearts and minds into creative expressions. Lockdowns are challenging and restrictive for young and adults alike, but this GT Quarantine special e-newsletter by young Amitians of AIS Noida stands witness to the fact, that lockdowns can be immensely expressive and engaging in spreading positivity and pragmatism. While our corona warriors fight the pandemic outside, these young minds have taken to their pen, peeped inside their hearts and impressed on paper (well word docs) their soulful thoughts about the world as they see it now and about the universe as they want it for future. This e-edition stands testimony to 'Corona Warriors With Pen & Passion'.



DEAR COVID-19

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Ishani Singh, AIS Noida, XI

Dear Covid-19,

e are aware that the chances we have of you reading our letter is quite slim, given your packed no one e schedule of wreaking havoc around the globe. We're quite convinced of your me-

quite convinced of your meticulousness, for it is quite a task to enter a body, infect the whole of it and continue spreading fast and thick, across vast cities and towns. It takes two whole weeks to find your presence in the human body. So, the question is, how do you manage to hide from the probing gaze of the avant-garde

medical devices of the twenty first century? Your competency poses a deep threat to humankind. Despite the aspersions cast against you, we are are thankful for showing us the ground reality, however hard-hitting it may be, and the shortcomings we need to rectify. You have balanced the scales too, at

least for a while, for now nature flourishes in its wild glory, as we humans are trapped, struggling indoors. We now understand how highly it has cost us to restore the nature we have destroyed, after decades of torture we have inflicted on it. You have done what no one else could do- you taught us a hard

lesson, made us taste the bitter truth.

You brought justice to nature.

However, we believe that it is extremely important to bring to your notice the fatalities-the plummeting world economy, the dire condition of daily wage earners and migrant workers and the whole world turning against each other. We know your anger won't be down too soon for you have

cool down too soon, for you have wrongs to right and nature's grievances to redress, but we request you to come to a halt now. In return, we promise to mend our ways and adopt strategies that won't hurt or cause the environment to complain in future.

Yours sincerely, The repenting world

the arena

Ishani Singh, AIS Noida, XI

hat's the only headline flashing on every news channel? Corona. What is the only topic of conversation in your household? Corona. What do you stay up worrying about all night? Corona. Even when you can sleep, what are your nightmares about? Of course, Corona. What's the key word, or perhaps the only word, you hear these days? Well, you obviously know the answer. From kids to elderly, from domestic workers to policemen, everyone is aware that the answer to every question and the question to every an-

swer, in today's time, is Corona! Here's a glimpse on how the coronavirus pandemic has turned the world upside down.

Free, but not really: After ever-lasting months of struggle, when the board examinations finally got over, they came with a disappointed frown on the face of every board student. And why wouldn't they be? All their plans of hanging out with their friends and finally having some fun after studying so hard have gone down the drain.

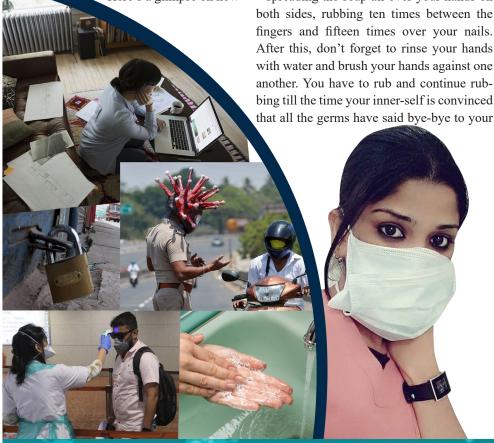
Haathdhotejao, dhotejao: Wait, did you wash your hands? Well then, hands up, and back away from civilisation, because you are not equipped to be a part of this society. Oh, you washed them? Did you wash them properly? Here's the definition of properly - spreading the soap all over your hands on both sides, rubbing ten times between the fingers and fifteen times over your nails. After this, don't forget to rinse your hands with water and brush your hands against one another. You have to rub and continue rubbing till the time your inner-self is convinced hands. Whether you do this for 20 seconds or 2 hours, that's up to you.

Hoarding as a lifestyle: The moment you enter a supermarket, you realise the world is in a crisis. You can almost see entire shops being looted and hoarded away in a nick of time by people who seem to be spending their years of hard-earned money just on groceries, mounting their trollies with everything in bulk, from toilet papers to milk that is likely to go bad soon. Standing on the billing counter for hours is like standing in long queues for rollercoasters in Disney Land.

It's their time to shine: As humans are trapped inside their homes, the flora and flauna outside is living its best life. The AQI levels have dropped rapidly as the number of bustling vehicles on the road show an impressive downfall. The nature enjoys as human world comes to a standstill. Maybe this is the cost we had to pay to get fresh air to breathe, for years of mistreatment we have rendered to the environment and our Mother Earth.

The ultimate weapon: Of course, the two most essential things which create the difference between life and death these days are 'masks' and 'hand sanitizers'. The one who manages to get masks and sanitizers (of course, the ones with alcohol) from the market is no less than a fortune winner.

Provided that the people cooperate, the strenuous efforts by the leaders across the world is surely going to pay off and the unity of people across the countries in the world will prove to outdo the threat of this virus. We'll surely one day proudly say "Goodbye Corona!" GT





It's Time To Pick Up The Sword And Shine Like A Knight

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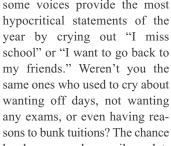
ith coronavirus dominating most of our conversations, bates, discussions, and even our profoundest fears, maybe the time has come that we shift our focus from the inevitable nightmare of reality to the ineluctable future. Though coronavirus has clasped the world into its mortal and despondent claws, the question arises – has it also given the world the sense of light and amelioration that for long has been pending?

While self-quarantine and social distancing has given us a bunch of things to procrastinate about, but one thing we shouldn't add to this is definitely our daily habits. It's time we go beyond our lethargy and realise that this is the perfect opportunity for us to rebuild our old habits, the ones taught to us when we were little

kids, and this time for the better. "Wash your hands before eating!" "Don't pick your nose!" "Cover your mouth whilst sneezing or coughing!"

Thanks to our parents, grandparents and teachers, as these precautionary words are not unfamiliar to us. But somewhere on the line of walking from being a kid to an adult, we have forgotten them completely. Have we really followed these guidelines? The answer is no. It is only in the wake of this deadly virus that we have started taking hygiene practices seriously, that have existed for years but never implemented. Teaching 60-year-old adults to wash their hands for at

least 20 seconds or to



sneeze or cough while covering the face with a cloth may seem humorous, but desperate times call for desperate measures.

And as we battle this pandemic, some voices provide the most has been served on a silver plat-



ter, and yet we are still complaining. What for?

Instead, why don't we use this time to cool down, go back to our hobbies, do things we have always wanted to do but never had the time for? Why don't we just accept this as our chance to fight for the world and also for our own selves. In this busy world, we hardly ever get the time to focus on ourselves, so now that we have ample of it, why not we put it to good use? Let's accept this as a reminder that things need to change, not just in the way we work, but even the way countries around the world function. From the government to the judiciary to our medical heroes, everyone is fighting to their best capabilities. In a way ensuring that we, the ones sitting at homes do not suffer. So, let's sit at home for them. Let's engage in our hobbies for them and try to get through this together, for them and for us. Let's fight against Corona!



When it was finally here.

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A Pandemic That Sneaked In On Us, Unannounced And Unbidden

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woke up one morning in good spirits and why not? It was my mom's birthday after all. Everything seemed right with the sun shining bright above our heads and the birds warbling their usual melody. But as I went out in my balcony, I observed an eerie silence in the society. There were no cars on the road, no people walking on the street and all gates shut. It was confusing; I couldn't understand what had happened. That's when I heard an announcement, "Every resident is requested to stay inside their home, no one is supposed to come out." Suddenly, out of nowhere, police and health officials started appearing, barring people from entering or leaving the society gates. That's when I realised, it had reached my doorstep. Yes, the deadly coronavirus was here. It had infected a resident in my society, in the building right opposite of mine. I turned on the television. The news was all over it. My society was on every single news channel. We got to

know that the person who had been infected had just returned from France and had not been

quarantined after thermal screening at the airport. As a result, the society had been instructed to be

on lockdown for the next fortyeight hours. Even street dogs couldn't be spotted. That's when my mother's phone started ringing. Naturally, we assumed that the calls were birthday wishes. However, we were proved wrong. It was all just to confirm the news. "Is it true?", "Is the new case from your society?" I wondered why the traveler wasn't in quarantine. That's when a news headline surfaced, "Many took meds to dodge isolation". So apparently, students coming in from foreign countries took paracetamol before landing in India to lower their body temperatures so that the thermal screening machines could not detect the coronavirus patients. I still wonder why would someone do that, threatening their own lives and others' too. That's all we could hear from the other side of the line. And just like that, from normal citizens, we became the people in whose society a "new coronavirus case" had been confirmed. Just about the fame we didn't actually want. GT



