

## Corona warriors



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As you read this newsletter, I hope you do so, in good health, from the safety of your homes. These are indeed challenging times, as humanity stands face

front with challenges not witnessed in centuries. But no matter how great the challenge, survival has always been instinctive for the human race.

As the pandemic looms over us, our healthcare, sanitation, hospitality and IT professionals, soldiers, and essential services maintenance staff are putting up a strong fight, all in a bid to survive. While these corona warriors lead the battle from the front, our young students too are doing their bit on the sidelines. This GT Quarantine Special e-newsletter by AIS Gurugram 46, is testimony to their war against COVID-19, as they spread positivity through the medium of words.

While students in every branch of Amity are coming out with their own e-edition, there is one story that runs common in all. It is the story of corona warriors. These stories brought to you by our young GT reporters feature initiative of teens who have emerged as true corona warriors.

As you read this newsletter, I hope you are inspired to spread positivity, and be a corona warrior. **GT**

## No भय of corona As Sanitation Band Comes To Rescue

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**C**OVERD-19 is perhaps the greatest supervillain humanity has ever seen. As the virus set out on a rampage to destroy the world, there are superheroes who are putting their best foot forward to save the world. But while these superheroes fight the pandemic, they need all the help they can get, and to aid their burden, Shivam Mukherjee, a student of Class IX D at Amity International School, Pushp Vihar, has invented a sanitisation band titled ABHAY.

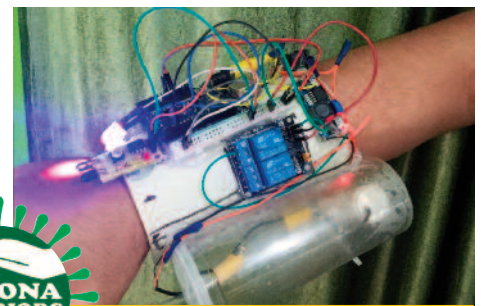
"This pandemic has brought our world to a standstill and we don't know when this will end, which is why it was important for me to do my part in helping the world," says Shivam when asked about the motivation behind ABHAY.

"One day as I was watching the news, I saw the doctors wearing hazmat suits. It made me wonder how tough the situation must be for them. I wanted to do something to help them," shares the young changemaker.

This desire to help the medics is what led to the birth of ABHAY. A Hindi word, translating to 'no fear', the band aims at supporting the medics to battle the disease without fear of contracting the same.

It is a simple band that can be worn around the wrist. Equipped with an inbuilt proximity sensor and UV light, it can sense when the wearer's hand is near an object and automatically disinfect the object for you via UV light and alcoholic spray. Extremely wearable, the band is computer-controlled and can be operated via an app. Furthermore, it is refillable – when the alcoholic spray is nearly empty, a reminder is sent to your mobile for a refill."

But every invention goes through its fair share of roadblocks, and so



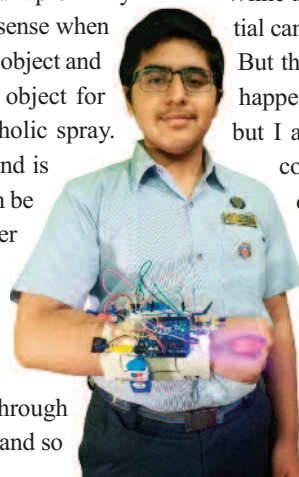
### CORONA WARRIORS

Pandemics know no boundaries, and neither do warriors who battle them. This special series, running across Quarantine editions of all Amity schools, is an ode to those fighters. Highlighting stories of young change makers from within and outside Amity, this special series has been curated by young reporters across various Amity branches.

did this sanitization band. "Due to the lockdown, it was very difficult for me to transform the idea into an actual product. Initially, acquiring the parts needed to make the band was a struggle but my school delivered all those to me at my doorstep from the school's ATL lab," he recalls, when asked about the challenges he faced. "I can't thank our school Chairperson, principal and my family enough for all the support they had to offer," he adds.

While the band seems promising, its true potential can be realised only once it hits the market. But there seems to be a little time before that happens. "I'm currently in the testing stages, but I am sure the band will pass with flying colours. After the relaxation of the lockdown starting April 20th, I am planning to approach the officials and hopefully make ABHAY reach the ones in need."

In a world guided by fear, there are warriors like Shivam, who are not only the future leaders of tomorrow, but are also the shining hope of today. Here's to ABHAY scaring away all our fears! **GT**



# A pet dog's quarantine

## Let's Delve Into Their Furry Befuddled Thoughts

Vanalika Maini

AIS Gurugram 46, XI A

After a lot of sniffing around, my investigation determines that the humans are hibernating. I don't understand why they've made this decision right after the end of winter, but humans are odd creatures.

How did I find out? A little birdie told me, quite literally. One of my pigeon friends mentioned in our morning chat in the balcony that she hadn't seen more than five humans on the street the past day. I wouldn't have been much bothered, since she's lazy and snooze a lot, but the parrot who

lives in the big tree told me the same thing. To make sure that they weren't pulling my leg, I put my paws up on the railing to see for myself. Was this real? there wasn't a human in sight!

Personally, I am loving this hibernation. My humans are busy people and sometimes I don't see them for weeks on end (the neighbour's cat says that I have a tendency to over exaggerate, but he cannot be trusted, as he is a cat), but for the past three weeks or so, they've hardly left the house and have been spending a lot of time with me. I had a grand time racing the little human around the house yesterday. Even the moody human (a "teen", as they're called) has been giving

me plenty of belly rubs. All in all, this situation is pretty great.

One thing I do not like, though, is the fact that no one is taking me for walks. I'm a dog! Walks are important to me. I understand that humans are hibernating and all, but come on! The only interesting scent, I've smelt in the past few weeks were the socks that Dad Human left on the coffee table yesterday. I need more interesting smells and sights and squirrels to chase.

Well, something 'interesting' did happen. A few days ago, all of my humans started searching the house for pots and pans. Like any rational person, I concluded that they were getting these utensils to cook me a delicious meal. I followed them to the balcony thinking, this is a weird place to

cook a sumptuous dish.

What I got was not chicken, but my humans banging the pots and pans together. I always knew they were kind of weird, but had they finally lost their minds?

Suddenly, all the humans living around us started making noise, too! The sound was making me too excited so the humans sent me back inside.

I have no idea how long they plan to hibernate for. Maybe I should try and examine the situation a bit more, since my investigation skills are top-notch. Maybe, I'll finally figure out why they're hibernating. Well, the investigation can wait till tomorrow and can be done later, as Dad Human is giving me belly rubs so I must take a nap and dream of fried chicken. 🍗

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# The lockdown concert

## The Enchanting Magic Of Music In Tragic Times



**Tanush Guha**

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*"One good thing about music, when it hits you, you feel no pain"*

Music is one of the best healers and enablers known to mankind, and nothing proves it better than the aforementioned quote by one of the greatest and timeless musicians, Bob Marley. This lockdown did deprive us of all the materialistic things that we chase after otherwise, but fortuitously, it couldn't snatch away the gift of music. Amidst the billions of mp3 files and Spotify, here we bring you tickets to the most extraordinary tri-partite event of all times. So, spread the word and gather around (inside your homes) as we present to you: The Lockdown Concert!

### **Act I:- An orchestra unparalleled**

We begin our months-long endeavour with a never-seen-before metallic orchestra of everyday utensils, backed by all

the fireworks one can dream of. PM Modi announced a national call for solidarity in the form of taalis and (symbolic banging) thaalis. Later on, he announced people to light diyas. Little did he know, he had just provided a lit matchstick to our desi music aficionados and firecracker-lovers. The (two day) split display embodied the Indian jugaadu vibe and brought people to a concert right to their balconies, all while encompassing the loud and brash style of the band-baaja-baaraat. A symphony to everyone's ears, indeed!

### **Act II: An onomatopoeic interlude**

Whew! What an opening act

indeed. But I guess everyone's ears would be pleading for a lighter song selection to act as a reliever, right? For that, I need you all to take off your headphones and tear your eyes away from your smartphone for a while. If pots, pans and cling-clangs aren't for you, there's another variety of soundtracks present at your home, completely to your convenience. Just perk up your ears to your surroundings. The whirring of your fans, the ticking of your grandfather clock, the flip-flop of – well – your flip-flops, the pitter-patter of water from taps (Close it!), the internal sound of you chewing on some snack, your

parents shouting at you to stop binge watching Netflix – the list is almost endless. Ah! That's calming, isn't it?

### **Act III: An online musimania**

Time to fulfil our promise and bring you to the infinite end of this lockdown concert – a format of enjoyment which this social-distancing period has only popularised. Bringing forth the final act 'online concerts'. With all of us still stuck to our phones, our favourite artists flocked to Instagram and Twitch, so that the party could rage on. As we saw singers, bands and record labels live-streaming tracks from their own homes and releasing fresh new music for all the suffering audiophiles to enjoy, it seems like life never paused even with a global pandemic in our ways.

And thus, we come to the end of the event with a beautiful quote from Keith Richards – "Music is a language that doesn't speak in particular words. It speaks in emotions, and if it's in the bones, it's in the bones."





# #RealHeroes

## You Don't Need A Cape To Do Good

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All of us have read and watched about superheroes saving the world from villains. Be it the Avengers against Thanos or Harry Potter against Voldemort, each one of us has been brought up to believe where there is a villain, there is a hero. But what if the villain is invisible? How will the hero save the world when there is no one to blame? This is the situation we find ourselves in right now in the midst of the COVID19 pandemic. Yet, there are unsung heroes doing their best to contribute what they can:

**The healthcare industry:** They are the ones stepping out of their homes to save others' lives. Wearing layers of protection of masks and suits; the doctors, nurses, ambulance drivers, hospital staff—they test, diagnose and treat not only those infected with the virus, but also other emergency cases. These heroes are risking their lives for us.

**Sanitation workers:** We all may be proud of ourselves for managing to keep our houses clean in the absence of the domestic helpers. But there are people who are still working to keep the country clean such as garbage disposal workers who collect the trash everyday in order to prevent the spread of other dangerous diseases.

**Military forces and the police:** They are doing their best to protect the country, monitoring crime and ensuring that the lockdown functions efficiently. The military is defending the borders, and keeping a vigilant eye for any case of the virus among themselves. Where would we be if they stopped working? Amidst chaos for sure.

**Essential services:** In this overwhelming crisis, essential services such as banks are still functioning (with skeletal staff) to ensure we all have access to money. Grocers, though fac-



ing massive crowds and hoarders are keeping up with the demand, and delivery executives have become the need of the hour.

**Little actions help:** There are some everyday heroes who are doing all they can to help others. Be it families giving away free toilet paper to anyone in need, helping out the elderly with food and other supplies, or people setting hand sanitizers in random public places— all of them can't not be called heroes.

**Social media:** For every piece of false rumour, there are five others ready to contradict it. People from all over the world are connect-

ing in this global problem, and urging others to stop the spread. YouTubers and bloggers are making videos telling us to stay inside. Anyone helping spread awareness and opposing misinformation is no less than a superhero.

**All of you who are staying home:** Yes, you too are saving the world from this pandemic, if you are at home. By not going out, you're breaking the chain of virus and not letting it spread. By abiding the lockdown guidelines, you're showing your will to fight against COVID-19 and somehow becoming a superhero. **GT**



# Poetic Expressions

## School away from school

**Avyaan Talwar**, AIS Gur 46, IV F

Hurray! Vacations were getting over  
Reopening of school was getting closer  
New class and teachers were waiting  
And the thought of it was pulsating

Suddenly, Corona came with a bang  
And spread everywhere like a gang  
With its rise, the schools were closed  
And we were asked to stay indoors

Staying at home was not at all fun  
I was missing school a million ton  
Then, I heard about a unique plan  
Drafted by the teachers of Amity clan

Soon, the online classes begin for us  
My room became the new classroom  
Thanks to our school for working hard  
In order to bring our curriculum at par

I feel blessed to have great teachers  
As their support shall make us shine  
Now, it is our responsibility and turn  
To show sincere commitment in return.

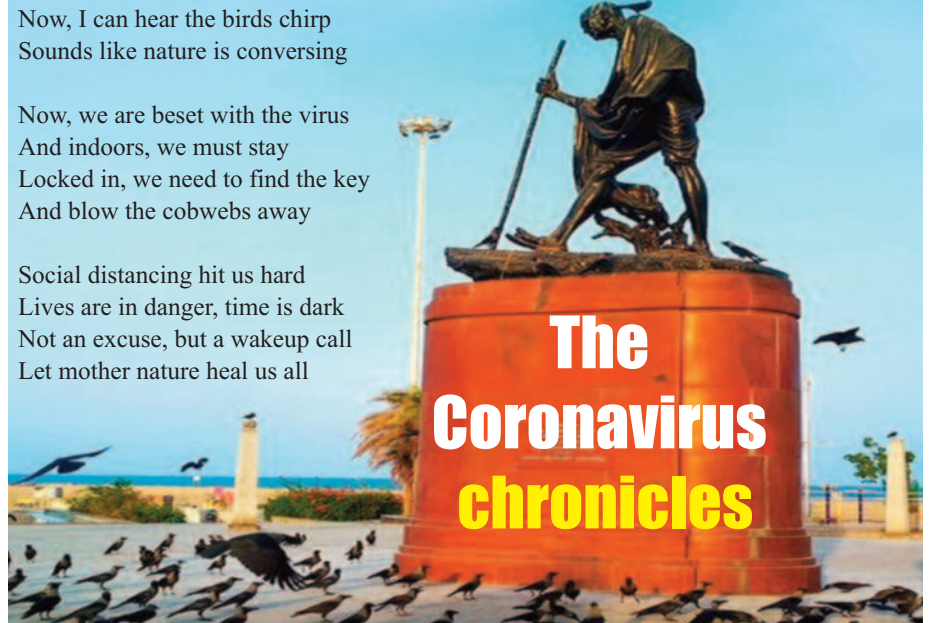
**Shubham Kumar**, AIS Gur 46, X G

The world only wanted peace  
For all the clamour to cease  
Now, I can hear the birds chirp  
Sounds like nature is conversing

Now, we are beset with the virus  
And indoors, we must stay  
Locked in, we need to find the key  
And blow the cobwebs away

Social distancing hit us hard  
Lives are in danger, time is dark  
Not an excuse, but a wakeup call  
Let mother nature heal us all

We know mistakes were made  
Now, let us join together to aid  
The heroes in the frontlines  
Whom we won't ever forsake. **GT**



## A quarantine carol

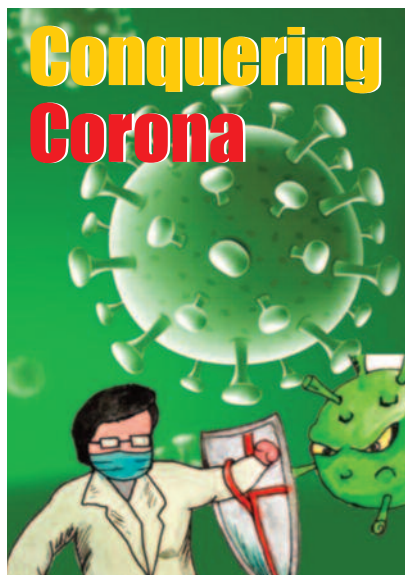
**Vanalika Maini**, AIS Gur 46, XI A

On the 12th day of quarantine  
I got just those many things  
I had 12 hours of peaceful sleep  
11 rounds of Ludo making me weep  
10 packets of favourite chips  
9 organised drawers by my sharp wits  
I even cleaned 8 cupboards  
7 sanitizers to protect my herd  
6 articles for GT well-written



Watched 5 shows, until the very end  
Company of 4 great books  
3 face masks for my looks. **GT**

**Avyaan Talwar**, AIS Gur 46, IV F



Corona arrives with a big fear  
Shaking the lives of many  
Seeing people struggle everyday  
Gives everybody sheer dismay  
But don't lose strength and hope  
Together we can surely cope  
Wash your hands after coughing  
Stay indoors to avoid its spreading  
Greet people with a wave or a bow  
Meetings and crowd, please disallow  
Thank the doctors and front-line people  
Whose duties have now become tripled  
Have faith in God, don't panic at all  
These precautions will help us all. **GT**