

Corona warriors



Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

I hope this newsletter reaches you in the happiness and comfort of your homes. As our nation enters second phase of lockdown, AGS, Gurugram brings to you the second edition of

their GT Quarantine Special. I am happy to see so much of sensitivity and fire in my students to do their own bit in their fight against this pandemic.

While students from all branches are coming out with their own e-edition, from this issue onwards, we also bring to you, one real story, that runs common in all. It shall be the story of young corona warriors. These stories brought to you by GT reporters shall be featuring one initiative of any teen in and around us who has emerged as the true hero, inspiring others to beat COVID-19.

While students are doing their bit, let us also not forget the other superheroes i.e our Amity educators. Right from online classes to flipped classrooms blended learning models, from coordinating over emails to making themselves dispensable for students 24*7, they have wholeheartedly engaged their minds, souls, sentiments and precious time for their students. I am immensely grateful to every Amitian who stands as a strong pillar that holds this institution strong and surging ahead in these tough times. **GT**

'Shield'ing from the crisis

Fighting Corona, One Mask At A Time



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The novel coronavirus brought about an abrupt chaos in our otherwise seemingly peaceful lives.

While we tried to keep ourselves safe by taking every precautionary measure possible, Satyam Mehta, a student of Class XI from AIS Noida, decided to step up and derive effectual safety measures not just for himself, but others around him. Thus, 'Faceshield' – 3D printed face mask, was born.

Phase 1: The know-how

It was in the summer of 2018 that Satyam was introduced to the concept of 3D printing, when his father suggested him to pursue a course in the same. "When my father pitched it to us, we simply laughed it off. It was after attending a session that I found it highly exciting," recalled Satyam. It was through this very course that he crossed paths with his teacher Avikshit Saras, who was

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.



inspired to make a change. So when then the crisis came knocking, the decision to create masks using my knowledge of 3D printing was an easy one," says the young corona warrior. But what Satyam struggled with was making the face mask stand out in terms of comfort, breathability and reusability.

After much deliberation, he and his teacher Avikshit, narrowed down to a minimalistic design featuring a transparent sheet of plastic that would cover a major part of the face. "Even though only one standardised size has been printed so far, it is a comfortable fit," says Satyam. Other than the comfort factor, the masks also rank in terms of usability, as they can be easily sanitised and reused.

instrumental in the production of the masks.

Phase 2: The brainstorming

"Having been a part of Amity for so long, I have always been in-

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Phase 3: The production

Procuring the required materials for the mask production was a challenge, given the lockdown. The transparent sheets used for the masks were made of OPH plastics, keeping in mind that general plastic was harmful. He shared, "Printing one mask takes about 45 minutes but varies as per the capacity of the printer. The addition of the sheets adds another half an hour to the entire process. I wanted to create at least enough masks to be able to offer one to every helper in my sector. Thankfully, I was able to do so."

Phase 4: The distribution

"My grandparents weren't in favour of me venturing out to distribute the masks amidst this lockdown. So, convincing them was a task," Satyam remarked. However, he has currently been able to distribute around 100 masks to the local watchmen and vendors. "Some vendors and shopkeepers even came up to me for getting the masks. It felt good to see them wearing it even after a few days had passed."!

Satyam also began his own fundraiser to support the daily wage workers, for which he ended up collecting over 36000 INR.

Links:

<https://covid19india.squarespace.com/>

<https://milaap.org/fundraisers/support-satyam-mehta-1>



The vacation

When Memories Are All You Have Got

Ayush Soni, AGS Gurugram, IX

Maria's most enjoyable activity was when she and her mother played 'catch' in the evenings, although they sometimes had to leave early when her mother had to rush to the hospital. Nevertheless, she enjoyed every moment she had spent with her mother and every aspect in her life was perfect the way it was.

And then came the plague.

As Maria strolled down the wooden staircase holding her action figure, she was startled by her father's panicky voice during his conversation on the phone. "What do-what do you mean she can't come back?...What do you mean by 14 days minimum? Alright. Yes, I understand. Goodbye."

She nervously loomed over the room "Where is mommy?"

Her father struggled to find the right words "She is...on a vacation"

"Can we go too?" she was anxious to play with her mother again.

An awkward pause followed, "No, it is only for nurses and the wise doctors."

Despite the answers to all her questions, Maria somewhere deep down knew that something was wrong. The more Maria coerced herself into avoiding her emotions by playing with her toys, the more sorrow she felt. Every once in a while, there was a sudden rush in her body which made her heart beat out of her chest, and her arms to shiver at the same time as sweat dripped down her forehead.

In an attempt to prove her emotions wrong, she peeped out to her father's bedroom and found him lying down in agony. In profound silence and gloomy atmosphere she realised that her emotions were unfortunately true.

Her father later found Maria asleep on her Math notes and as he picked her up to lay her on the bed, he noticed a patch of tears to his sorrow. That was when he hugged Maria in her wakeful sleep one last time before he managed to tell her that her mother was never going to come back from her vacation in the least painful way.


She had departed. A doctor who saved lives. A doctor who gave her life! 

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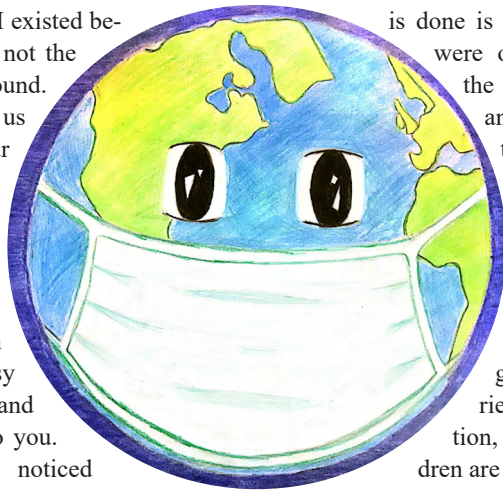
DEAR EARTH

A Letter To The One We Have Been Overlooking

Kasak Jain, AGS Gur, IX

Dear Earth,

It has been a while since I noticed you. I have always been so busy with my school, tuitions, assignments and everything in-between that I had forgotten that I existed because of you, not the other way around. But as all of us are inside our homes because of this COVID-19 pandemic, we finally took a deep breath from our busy schedules and turned back to you. And today, I noticed you, and when I did, you made me smile. I saw you today in all your colors, the ones that were drained from you before, and now they are the ones making you alive once again. You made me smile today. I looked at you, all your colors, creations, and diversity, and realized how effortlessly you did



your job, parenting around 7.8 billion but forgot yourself. We could feel your drained skies, hiding behind the smoke and grey. We could see your lands and oceans, being filled with waste. We took you for granted and said, "What can we do to save the Earth? What is done is done!", but you were our savior from the very beginning, and to lose you is to lose our own self. You made me smile today. You started restoring yourself at the first chance you got after centuries of exploitation, but your children are already thinking about doing it all over again.

How you will handle them, I wonder, but I, for one, promise to always do best by you. Now that I have looked at you and understood you, I will never leave your side. **GT**

Love,
A Human



A chocolaty Quarantine boredom

Sidhika Bhasin, AGS Gur, IX

Cooking time: 1 minute

Preparing time: 30 seconds

Serves: 1

A mug cake is a dish that has few ingredients and can be made in minutes. Ideal for quarantine, isn't it? It is really simple to make! Let's get started.

Ingredients

All-purpose flour 4 tablespoons
Baking powder ½ teaspoon
Milk 3 tablespoons
Oil 1 tablespoon
Vanilla essence 1 teaspoon (optional)
Powdered sugar 3 tablespoon
Sandwich cookie (broken to bits) 3 to 4

Steps

■ In a mug, mix all-purpose flour, baking powder and sugar.

■ Then add milk, vanilla and oil. Mix well - there should be no lumps in the batter. I like using Vanilla as it gives a nice taste, but if you don't have it then you can leave it out.

■ Add the sandwich cookies. If you like, you may add more.

■ The mug has to be placed in the microwave for baking for 1-1.5 minutes. Take it out and enjoy the chocolaty goodness.

■ You see? There are only simple four simple steps and you can enjoy this any time. I hope you like the recipe!

Word of caution

■ Remember if you are using a sweet cookie (like Oreo) then add only 2 tablespoons of sugar, but if you are using a dark chocolate cookie (like bon-bon) then add 3 tablespoons of sugar.

■ Eat the entire thing. Respect Chocolate!

Camera Capers

Aman Taneja, AGS Gur, X



Because We Have To Win This Battle And We Must Keep Going

Sucheer Menon,
AGS Gur, VIII

Dear reader,

First of all, this is not just another tale of agony penned down by a teenager. Neither is it another fact file about how COVID has managed to uproot our lives from the usual, or even about interesting recipes that will keep you busy during this monotonous lockdown. Enough has been written or said about all that. Well, I am here for another reason, for mere encouragement. I know that the word 'encouragement' alone is not enough to pull us out from this situation. Normalcy has seemed to have abandoned us months ago. But this is also the time which brings us all together in spirit and there is no time better than this to prove that we are capable enough to fight this battle with our strongest of weapons- compassion and mindfulness. This time calls for us to stand

Keep it up



strong, work together and come back to a better tomorrow. Our only religion or race is humanity- a word that we forget more often than not. And maybe this is the only war where we can be the heroes by simply doing nothing. This is the only war, where, instead of

having to leave our loved ones, we are being offered the chances to spend more and more time with them.

Doctors, police, nurses, hospital staff, etc. are fighting for us, risking their own lives. All we can do is to acknowledge their gracious

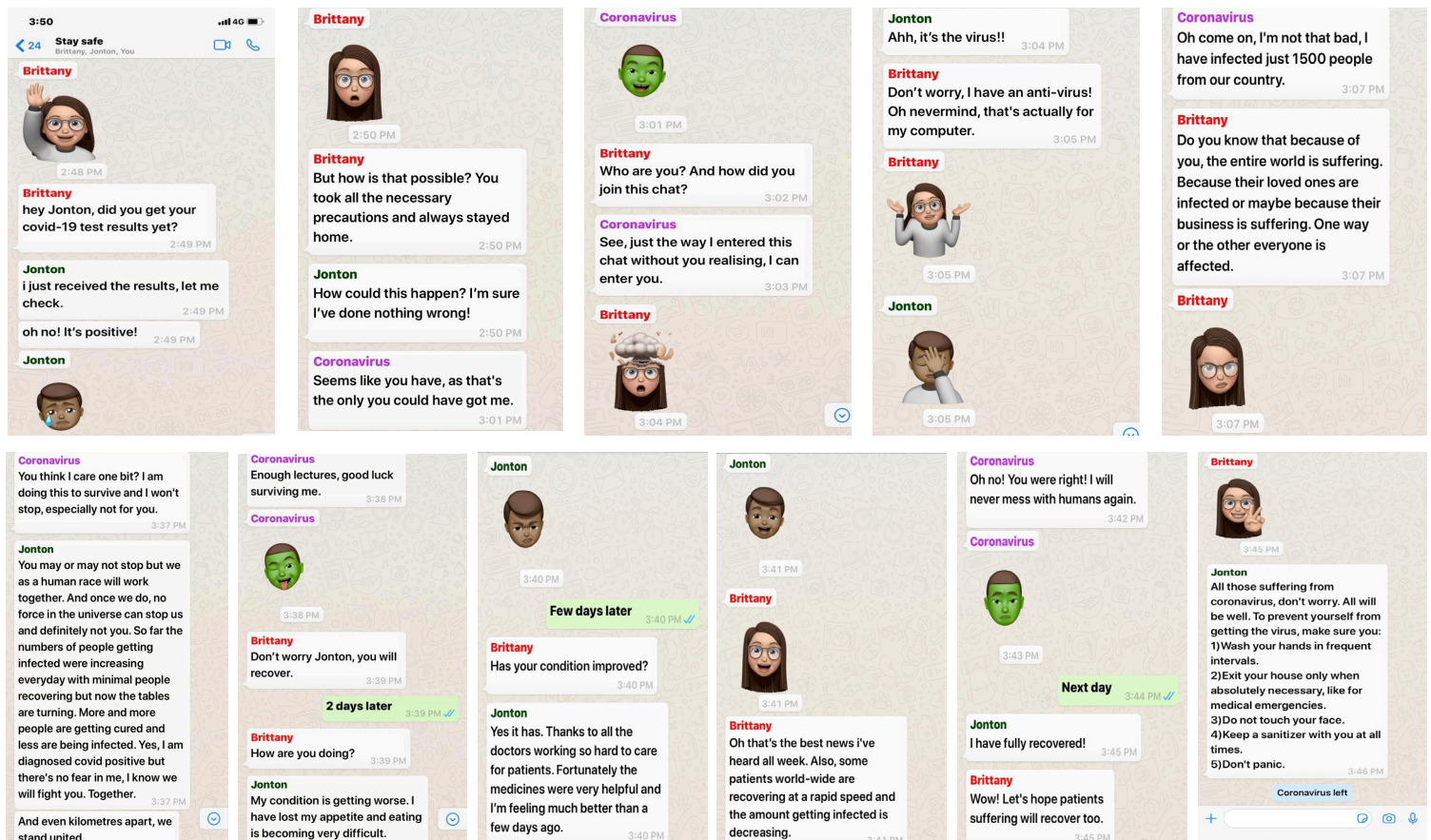
efforts and pray for their well-being, and well, sitting at homes. It might be boring, but, again, that's the least we can do. While we are cribbing about this boredom, remember the bigger fight that we aren't fighting but the heroes that I mentioned above are. This is our chance to be an honourable citizen, a global citizen. The world is healing now that humans are inside, but once we come out the world shall only change for the good, and not what it used to be. It is us, the youth who can make a better future for ourselves and the generations to come. We have reached this far- we can definitely reach further!

Lastly have hope, have faith and keep it up.

P.S: Happy Birthday to all who have birthdays in these months. **GU**

*Lovingly and longingly,
Your self-isolated friend and a
thoughtful citizen*

Let's oust corona



Conversation strips by: Aadvik Bhargava & Ishaan Gupta, AGS Gur, VIII

Together we can, homies!

Ayush Soni & Viwaswan Jha, AGS Gur, IX

COVID 19 - the greatest mess
Messing with us each day in excess
One would ask why we are bored
Well, we are completely floored

Someone made a soup of bat
Who knows how true is this fact
Some say it was a global attack
We say please cut us some slack

Ain't fair for the corona fighters
At risk, to make our lives brighter
People are hiding in the shadows
To evade this villainous tornado

Stay quarantined for some time
This flu is worse than a swine
Please think before stepping out
Think before committing this crime

It can definitely end anyone's life
We can but shield all from this strife
Listen to those with their life on line
Wash hands, stay home sanitized

Read a book or eat some scones
Make a painting, learn photoshop
Sing a song that would not flop
Invent something, a lightning rod?

No papa, no papa, yes Johnny
Corona is the greatest baloney
Play with your dog if lonely
Or maybe just Skype your homies

Nature is taking her revenge from us
For all the times we had it crushed




Begin our redemption, now shall we?
Find for it a solution, now can we?

All these years we dreamt of paradise
Doctors made that true with sacrifice
Respect and support is all they need
To come up with the greatest vaccine

We're all white eyed, blue dragons
Corona for us is a black magician
All we need are some best decisions
To protect or destroy, as we reason

Stop panic buying the groceries
Think about the poor man's needs
Stop taking random medicines
Consult a doctor before this sin

These are some really trying times
Remember to shelter, don't falter
Homies we got to build a routine
Homies let's just remain quarantined. 

Solidarity in pandemic

Kasak Jain, AGS Gur, IX

Times are changing
Pandemic is flourishing
Sore throat and fever
Tiredness and aching head

Get it tested, stay at home
Complete the 14 days course
Otherwise it will stay for years
It's time for a tough fight

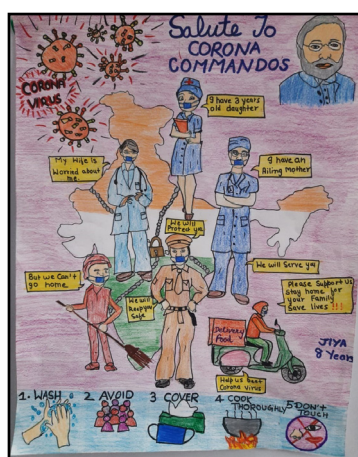
Wash your hands often
Avoid contact with others
Spend time with family
Burn like a flame to win

We can withstand this
Bring the virus to its knees
Claim our world once again
By giving it respect and care

The future lies in front of us
We ought to end the pain
We have caused to nature
There is still time to nurture

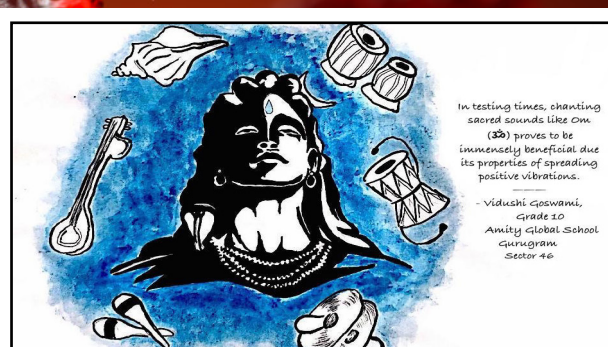
With cars being off the roads
The stars are now visible
With humans off the streets
The chirping birds in the sky

Are declaring immense peace
Meaning nature is restoring
So, let's stand in solidarity
To regain balance and integrity.



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