

## 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 students of AIS Mayur Vihar, 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 that 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

Saanvi Vaish, AIS Pushp Vihar, XII C

**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.

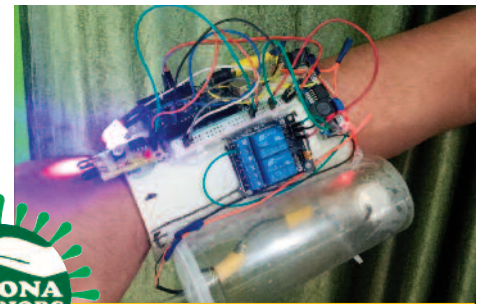
"This pandemic has brought our world to a standstill and we don't know when this will end, which is why it was important for me to do my part in helping the world," says Shivam when asked about the motivation behind ABHAY.

"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



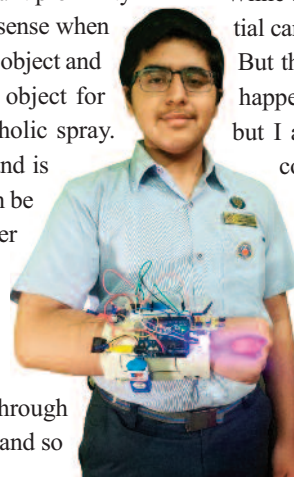
### CORONA WARRIORS

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**







## GET THE FACTS RIGHT

### Boning Up About the Recent Pandemic

Urvi Garg, AIS MV, I B

1. The novel coronavirus is a newly discovered strain of corona virus. It is also called Covid-19.
2. Wuhan, a city in China, is the epicenter of Coronavirus outbreak.
3. Coronaviruses are group of viruses that can cause illness ranging from common cold to Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (ARDS)
4. Coronavirus is global. As we enter summer, there is winter in the southern hemisphere, and virulence of coronavirus is felt all over. So there is no evidence that sunlight kills the new Coronavirus.
5. The infection is spread via respiratory droplets and not through blood.
6. Antibiotics work against bacteria and not viruses.
7. There is no evidence that Coronavirus can be spread through pets.
8. Coronavirus is not the most dangerous virus on the earth. In fact, the most threatening virus is Flu which has a higher mortality rate, approximately 60%.
9. Coronavirus affects anyone irrespective of their age groups.
10. Out of the total cases reported of coronavirus infections, only 2 percent of the cases have reported deaths, and majority of these deaths are due to weak immune system.

## Lockdown – A Blessing In Disguise For Some

# Discovering


# self

Soumil Negi, AIS MV, VIII D

As I enlisted in Class VIII, I couldn't wait for school to start. To pass my holidays before the session started, my family and I decided to visit my grandparents in Ramgarh, a small village in the hills of Uttarakhand. I have always loved spending time with my grandparents, which is why I was quite excited about the trip and I enjoyed a lot in my time there, but as we were planning to come back to Delhi, the lockdown on the capital was announced and I was left stuck in Ramgarh. The epidemic was spreading, and cities were getting locked one after another. But here, amongst nature and open spaces, the impact didn't seem too egregious. Although we kept mostly to ourselves, it was always fun to take the dogs out for a walk and for short hikes into the orchard which was away from any kind of human interference. To continue our education, the school had sent a message about online classes, which worried me because the mobile connectivity in the village of Ramgarh was poor; I could only get a good connection in cer-

tain parts of the house. But at least I had carried my books with me on this trip because I was eager to start learning. I wasn't sure how

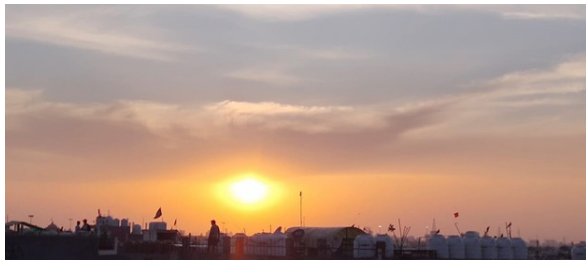
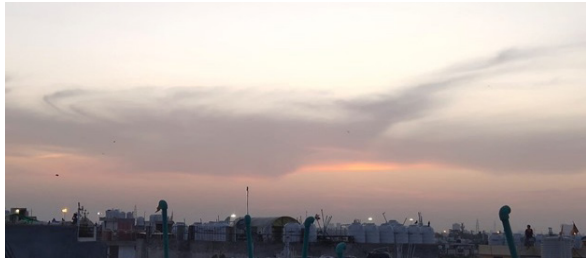
I could be able to attend online classes, but I knew I had to

try. I took the mobile phone and checked its signal and network connectivity in every room, and in the end, found that there was a small room in the back of the house where the signals were much better than the rest. I informed my grandparents and they immediately got the room cleared for me so I could turn it into my study space. I put a chair and a table in the room and got ready for my online classes. The coronavirus epidemic gave me a chance to be self-sufficient. It also taught me to think out of the box and turn difficulty into opportunity. Here I was, surrounded by green hills and pollution-free air. Learning from my teachers who I had not yet met, and attending classes very far away from actual classes. I know the epidemic has spread across the world and many people have been affected, but the lockdown is also a time for us to reinvent ourselves and keep working hard, taking all steps we can to stay safe and to stay active. 



## CAMERA CAPERS

*Yash Thakur, AIS MV, VIII D captures the nature's spirit during lockdown*



## A look at the other side

Chavi Gautam, AIS MV, VIII C

COVID, a foe to mankind  
Has made us slaves-in-grind  
But for nature it is a boon  
To be its healthy self, soon

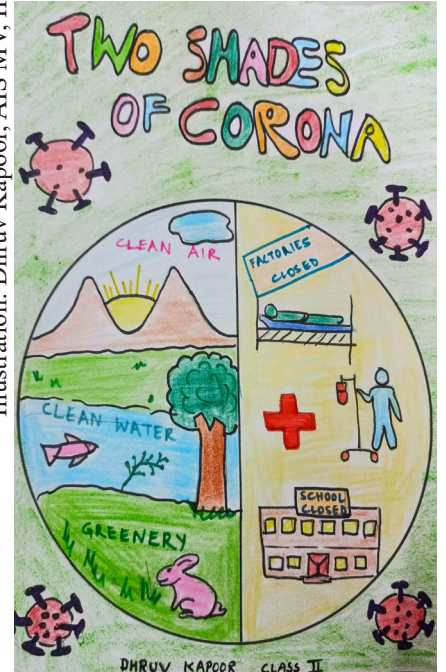
Who knew it will last long  
Caging us in our homes  
But the changes thus occurred  
Have left our minds blown

The skies now seem clearer  
Showing air pollution a mirror  
Isn't it a great achievement?  
It's all about the execution

The annoying honking noises  
Are replaced by sweet sounds  
Sounds of leaves, and of birds  
Singing on trees all around

The Ozone layer is healing  
The Co2 level is going down  
Isn't it all overwhelming?  
Freshening up our towns

Illustration: Dhruv Kapoor, AIS MV, II



It is also giving ample time  
To those never home  
To make happy memories  
With their pets, and families

With such benefits, don't forget  
The doctors, and policemen  
Who are risking their lives for us  
To maintain health, and accord.

## It's high time

Jasnoor Kaur Pruthi

AIS MV, XII A

The air I inhaled this morning  
Was untainted, clean and pure  
It felt as if in all these years  
I had not been breathing  
But smoking, but now it is  
Like a delayed dose of Nicotine

We aren't witnessing a pandemic  
We are witnessing Karma  
For the trees were ruthlessly cut  
And all the birds died in pain  
Other beings murdered by us  
Are now avenging their deaths

They would now rest in peace  
As the creatures see us  
As this lockdown is a prison  
But for nature, it is her freedom  
Everyone knew it was high time  
That we cared about our home

Now the nights are silenced



And the mornings shine and sing  
As skies become clear till far  
We sleep under a quilt of stars  
The winds pass through the trees  
And the farms in happiness sway

Maybe such a time was needed  
Not to grant us pain or grief  
The Earth hadn't given up yet  
And everything can fall into place  
It's time we realise it's high time  
That we start mending our ways.

## Life in COVID days

Saanvi Malhotra

AIS MV, VII D

Today we are all at home  
Hoping the virus goes home  
We think we are safe but  
People are dying everyday

Weeks and weeks of isolation  
Still results in a bad conditions  
Living in a quarantined nation  
We still have determination

We pray to the almighty gods  
That everything is alright  
That there's no virus  
And everything is bright

In the end I would like to say  
Do not lose your positivity  
For our lives will soon be  
Happy and normal again



Illustration: Reet Kashyap, AIS MV, VI B

## We'll be together soon!



Atmia Srivastava, AIS MV, XII D

The days are sunny  
Yet we stay inside  
We know it's for the best  
To keep others alive!

We miss our teachers  
And we miss our friends  
But we'll appreciate them more  
When this eventually ends!

Although it's tough  
This new life we live in  
Bright days are ahead of us  
We just have to believe in them!

Imagine how much more  
We will appreciate life  
After being so still  
And patient for a while!

We'll be with our classmates  
See them smiling once again  
We'll visit fancy restaurants  
And have coffee with friends!

We will never again take  
Our sweet lives for granted  
We will smile each day  
For the freedom we'll have then!

So just sit tight and wait  
This will soon be over  
We'll be together again soon  
United we'll sing happy tunes!

Illustration: Vedant Karoria, AIS MV, V A



## Earth unmuted

Archana Upadhyay

AIS MV, PGT English

Quietly and calmly, I move on my axis  
Trying to nurture the family I possess  
I go neither too fast, nor too slow  
I am not rushing, just a placid flow

I have enough for all creatures, creeds  
Then O human! Why exhibit this greed?  
I quarter the tiniest to the hugest race  
Then why encroach on others space?

Your hands are destined for creation  
Then why indulge in destruction?  
What for is this cold, ignorant apathy?  
For the creatures put at your mercy

The greasy, venomous black lagoons  
The skies overcast with toxic fumes  
The tonsured surface grime  
You plunder my wealth from mines

Your habit to encroach and trespass  
The wailing of the humans aghast  
Is this what you call civilization?  
But I call this pure annihilation

Start pondering over your misdeeds  
And atone for the havoc you unleashed  
Start making your activities splendid  
Locking your life, I never intended

## Life moves on and on

Jasleena Kohli, AIS MV, Headmistress

Amidst all online classes  
And work from home masses  
An inkling may touch us all  
That, life moves on and on

Sea waves do not stand still  
Wind blows on land and hill  
Sun shines at dawn every day  
Stars twinkle in the sky grey

That no one is indispensable  
That no one is inseparable  
We received the biggest blow  
As tragedy and sorrow flows

Fear has cut our human wings  
Miseries turned world like twigs  
A tiny creature became deadly  
Turning the worst foes friendly

2020 is engulfed with COVID  
Were we ever content? Prove it  
Moving from Wuhan to Shaheen  
It taught us lessons umpteen

From man to the mankind whole



From human to humanity for all  
Divided by invisible boundaries  
Now, united by a pandemic

Those superior with wit n IQ  
Are begging Indians for HCQ  
Pause, stop, think, repeat  
How, life turns over in a blink

Indeed, it is now or never  
As all this won't last forever  
For, life moves on and on  
Till the world is long gone



# Musings during lockdown

**Manisha Batra, PGT English, AIS MV**

Just two months ago,  
We all had passed New Year messages  
We made a slew of New Year resolutions  
Soon we mocked for not keeping up with them  
We had already presumed it to be a 'normal year'

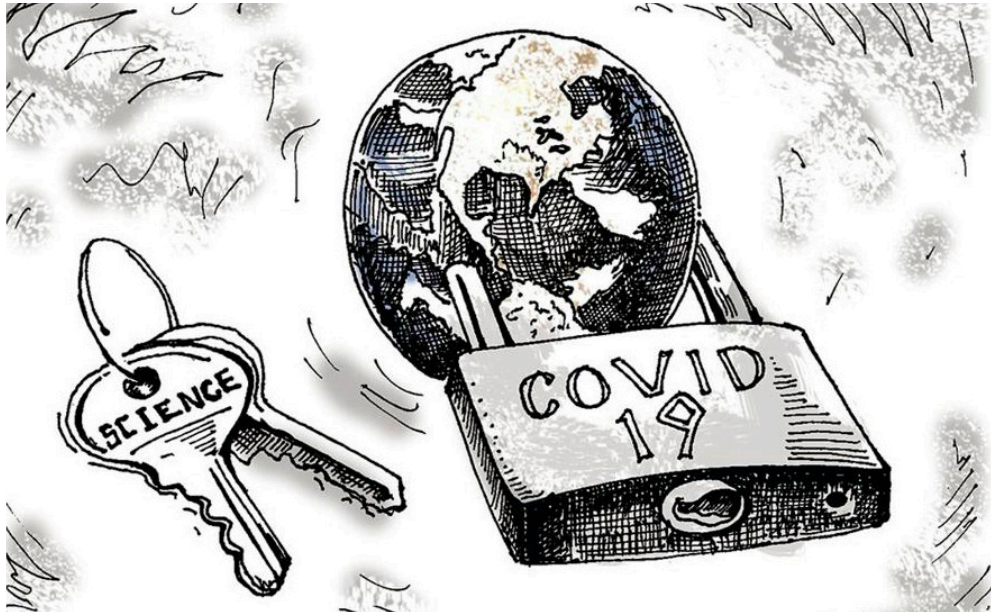
A year with 'normal challenges' of living  
Inundation of all public places with vehicles  
Influx of technology and invasion of politics  
Infringement of global warming on our lives  
Infracture of work on family life.....and so on

Aha! the presumptuous us  
High on consumerism and materialism  
High on gizmos at its command  
High on the ability of jet setting  
High on having shrunk the world

Now, forced to cower in our homes  
By an invisible and an exceptional force  
Our 'status quo' has been challenged  
This invisible force unleashed upon  
Has made us give up everything

It is an exercise of reclaiming folks  
We have been forced to retreat  
Give up our immense presence on earth  
Restrain the cacophony of human life  
So that other creatures can claim earth

This right to claim is so in our face  
Our mental faculties are also challenged  
Once we were overwhelmed  
But now have been oppressed by this force  
Mother nature has reclaimed its own right





On its body to heal from our violations  
It's an eager exercise to restore balance  
Tables have turned and how!  
Extinction, exploitation, extraction  
Excesses were hallmarks of our reign

We who are used to social ostracism  
Ostentatious displays of power and wealth  
Are now forced to practice social distancing  
And bring austerity in our lives  
Wake up before it is too late!

Cut the noise  
Opportunity to discover humane purpose  
Reduce your carbon footprint  
Open senses to simple pleasures of life  
Never encroach on other creatures territories  
Austere living be the mantra

Mindless traveling and shopping  
Mindless focus on entertainment  
Mindless enjoyment of a lavish lifestyle  
Mindless exploring of human power  
Has brought this crisis to our doorstep

This time at homes would reduce  
Dependence on some luxuries  
Dependence on domestic helps  
Dependence to engage ourselves  
Dependence on unnecessary competition

Keep some of those habits for life  
Remember, our world has changed  
Irrevocably, because we made some  
Irrevocable changes to this planet  
Change yourself to be able to live.  

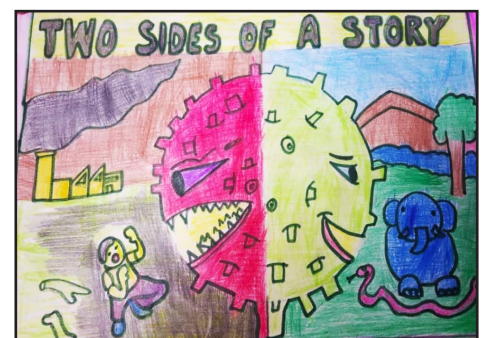
## Artistic Expression



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