

New normal

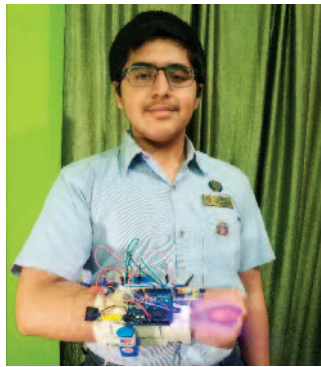


Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

Dear Amitians,
Hope you all are enjoying vacation time by staying safe and healthy. As the world reels under the pressure of lockdowns, India

has emerged as a nation which has fought the challenges in the best possible way it can. Social distancing, regular sanitisation, cleanliness, hygienic practices, not spitting in open, caring for environment, respecting relationships, being dutiful citizens, etc., are now the 'new normals' that have become the new way of life. A lot of these aspects were always being discussed and deliberated upon on various global and local platforms. But nonetheless, for some reason or the other, these could never completely become a part of our lives. Not that people were not aware or never cared, but the strong will and determination to adopt these as lifestyle somewhere lacked a bit. In fact, a lot of these are centred around the culture and tradition of Indian lifestyle. Be it our greeting 'Namaste' or use of 'turmeric' and 'tulsi' the natural immunity boosters in our daily diet, the Indian way of life is – the new normal. Indeed, it is a matter of pride for us and also a huge responsibility for all of us to now make this new normal the cornerstone of creating a better, beautiful and happy nation and happy world. **GT**

Angels in disguise



**WORLD
TEENAGE
REPORTING
PROJECT
COVID-19**



A Bow Down To Our Young Warriors

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Life is certainly uncertain, a notion that COVID-19 laid bare for all. While many doctors and frontline workers chose to risk their lives to save others, some innovative next-door-superheroes did not allow the global pandemic to conquer their will and chose to put their creativity to its best use and serve the community. In this series of 'Corona Warriors' brought to you by GT reporters for the last consecutive six editions we read stories of innovation, where young innovators, with care, compassion with creativity went out of their way during the lockdown period to spread the message that no matter what happens, we

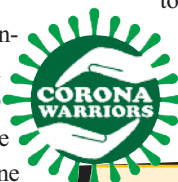
will overcome the pandemic. The stories have been brought to you as part of World Teenage Reporting Project (an initiative of The Global

times to you, here's its last, final segment before we bid adieu.

When we delved deeper into the subject, we were surprised to read that stories of innovation were not only limited to urban areas where children had access to resources which can help them invent; they ran deep into villages and districts where young innovators took charge to solve the problems being faced local inhabitants. Let's take a look at all the wonderful stories of torch-bearers whose dreams were much bigger than their size!

From India's rural topography, we found some children who could no longer let other villagers in their vicinity suffer from problems like intense heat and water shortage. To fix this issue, Arjun, Mahesh and Piyush from Bhatkheri village,

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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.

Youth & News Media Prize that strengthens engagement between news media and young people across the world). And as we delineated

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MP, managed to dig a 30-feet deep well within three days, all with the help of resources available at home! 9-year-old Golu from Jaitpur, Mahoba, also went ahead to provide the luxury of cold air in the rather hot climate to the people of her village, by inventing a mini cooler using limited equipments.

We also came across some brilliant minds, part of Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) in their schools or cities, made landmark innovations in limiting the COVID-19 outbreak. We delineated one such tale in our corona warrior series, that of Shivam Mukherjee, a student of AIS Pushp Vihar, who created a wearable sanitisation band. Another such innovations included the corona tracker mobile app, automated touch-free doorbell & sanitiser and a COVID-19 website.

And the list does not end here. A team of school-going RJs in Kerala, kept people entertained under lockdown from their respective homes, while others like Mihir Vardhan from Gurugram, created 'The Terminator', which can help destroy any virus which might travel on the packaging online orders, as well as 3D printed face shields and hand-stitched face masks to meet their unprecedented shortage - another story that we promulgated in our warrior series. Other such inventions including Bengal's Digantika Bose's 'Air Providing and Virus Destroying Mask', and a unique wristband created by Maharashtra's 14-year-old Harsh Chaudhari, which stops us from touching our faces, await patent approvals from the Indian Council of Medical Research.

By bringing their innovative minds to the forefront and perfectly pairing them with their desire to serve the country - these little corona warriors have curated the perfect recipe for creative utilisation of their time, as well as helping those in need. And while they are at it, let us all come together in our thoughts and be a little more responsible in how we deal with the crisis. Cause, being distantly together is the only way we can actually distance it! **GU**

QUARANTINE BIRTHDAY

Is It Truly A 'Happy Birthday' To Me?



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The COVID-19 pandemic is putting all of us through testing times, but it does have its perks. Coronavirus has ensured that almost everyone will now be self-sufficient - everyone has used this lockdown period to learn how to cook, clean, sing, dance, paint, sketch, and what not. But one thing that people usually hate doing alone are birthdays. Birthdays are supposed to be special, with everyone dressing up, meeting friends, going out, eating out, and giving presents. It is one day that is awaited by everyone. Some people were lucky enough to have their birthdays before the pandemic set in, but others, not so much! Now the birthday boys and girls sit at home baking their own cake, cutting it on their own, and devouring it all by themselves. But just like how Coronavirus could not stop us from eating good food and being at work, thanks to the internet, it also could not stop us from celebrating quarantine birthdays. Thousands of videos are up on the internet today where peo-

ple are seen sending heartfelt messages to their friends and making sure that they feel special even if they cannot physically meet. Video calls once again saved the day and ensured that special moments like cake cutting can also be shared, without actually being together. Quarantine gave the birthday boys and girls time to talk to all the relatives that call, without being fussy or having to talk to two relatives at once to save time. There are also many children being born during these difficult times, which just goes to show that everything doesn't have to be bad and negative. These children being born now are seeing what we never thought was possible, and this will ensure that these children become stronger than ever because if they can survive a pandemic, they can survive anything. These times are proof of the saying "It always seems impossible until it's done." The idea of a pandemic felt impossible, until it finally occurred. The idea of using this pandemic to our benefit seemed impossible, but has now turned into a reality, so why shouldn't a new twist be given to birthday celebrations! **GU**



Unusual circumstances

Modern Problems Demand Modern Solution

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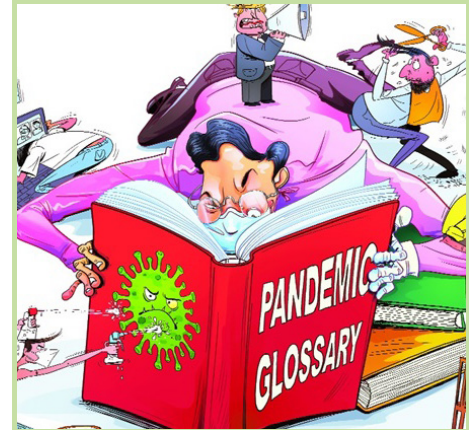
It's been two months since the corona pandemic, but it feels like an eternity. The disease has already claimed over three lakh lives and infected more than forty lakh people. I realise how we used to anticipate the new decade, and that 2020 would bring a new life and new experiences. Well, it seems I was wrong. It is difficult to imagine the times when we went to restaurants and hung out with our friends or when video calls were an exception not the norm. But now, things are far from the ordinary. At the same time, there is no denying in the fact that, sitting at home in a lock down has given us the opportunity to spend time with our loved ones and share unique memories. It is true that this dreadful situation has brought new challenges and futuristic experiences, but it also has given us the chance to look at our creative side and adapt to these changes, nonetheless.

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In short, this experience is definitely something that would bring about changes in the society, yet we have to move along the tide and be united like never before, just like WHO said "we are all in this together- and we will all get through this together." 🇮🇳

Words verse



Speaking quaran'teen'

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All was going good and well
Markets had plenty to sell
Friend and family hung out
Without a moment of doubt

But lives were turned around
When a deadly virus was found
Lives were lost, flesh and bone
In China and places unknown

Socialites had a miserable frown
When distancing was talk of town
Shops are shut, demands are low
Giving economy a severe blow

Deserted streets, empty grounds
Within our homes, we are bound
Armed with masks and sanitizers
In our ways we all are fighters

Moving out not a good advice
Since it cost thousands of lives
Government says stay in quarantine
Has brought all the nations online

Video chats are the new fad
School for kids, meetings for dads
To escape this room we crave
Like Anne Frank who was brave

Protect the ones close to our heart
We must hold on, it's just the start
Let's be dauntless as we all pray
For our loved ones everyday

Not victims but survivors we must be
To tell kids how harsh things can be
We binge on your favourite food
If Rapunzel could, I bet you can too.

A hand-drawn poster on a blue background with a red border. The title 'CORONAVIRUS' is at the top in large, black, hand-drawn letters. Below it is 'THE 8C' where the '8' is a large black circle. To the right of '8C' is a stick figure on a bicycle. Below the title is 'COMBAT & CURE' in large, black, hand-drawn letters. To the right of 'COMBAT & CURE' is a stick figure climbing a ladder. Below 'COMBAT & CURE' are several vertical columns of text, each starting with a large letter: 'CARE', 'COVER', 'CONTROL', 'CLOSED', 'CROWDED', 'CONSULT', 'COMPRESSION'. Each column has stick figures and additional text. For example, 'CARE' has 'WASH HANDS WITH SOAP' and a stick figure washing hands. 'COVER' has 'AVOID TOUCHING' and a stick figure covering their mouth. 'CONTROL' has 'AVOID MARKETS' and a stick figure avoiding a market. 'CLOSED' has 'STAY INDOOR' and a stick figure staying indoors. 'CROWDED' has 'SAY NO TO CROWDED PLACE' and a stick figure saying no to a crowd. 'CONSULT' has 'CALL 1075' and a stick figure calling. 'COMPRESSION' has 'EMPHATIC' and a stick figure compressing. At the bottom, there is a stick figure on a bicycle and a stick figure on a ladder. The text 'AISHNI SANEY 6-A AISHNI' is at the bottom left.

CORONAVIRUS

THE 8C

COMBAT & CURE

KEEP IMMUNITY STRONG

TO

CARE

COVER

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CONSULT

COMPRESSION

WASH HANDS WITH SOAP

AVOID TOUCHING

AVOID MARKETS

STAY INDOOR

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CALL 1075

EMPHATIC

AISHNI SANEY 6-A AISHNI

A cartoon illustration of a smiling pink flower with a yellow face, green leaves, and a green stem, set against a light green background. The flower has five large pink petals and a yellow circular center with large, expressive eyes and a wide smile. It is attached to a green stem with two large green leaves and a tuft of green grass at the base.

The poster is a vibrant, hand-drawn illustration divided into several panels, each depicting a different activity during the COVID-19 lockdown. The central text reads "CORONA LOCKDOWN".

- Top Left Panel:** A boy in a red shirt is exercising on a mat. He has a speech bubble saying "Good Morning to me" and another saying "Early to bed and early to rise". A clock shows 10:10.
- Top Middle Panel:** A girl is sitting cross-legged, meditating. A speech bubble says "makes my mind and body fit". A clock shows 1:50.
- Top Right Panel:** A boy is wearing headphones and looking at a laptop. A speech bubble says "Interesting to study in Online Classes". Another speech bubble says "Our beloved Teachers made it possible". A clock shows 2:50.
- Middle Left Panel:** A boy is lying on a couch, reading a book. A speech bubble says "My Relaxation time, what an interesting book". A clock shows 3:50.
- Middle Right Panel:** A girl is sitting at a desk, studying. A speech bubble says "We eat together we stay together". A clock shows 4:50.
- Bottom Left Panel:** A boy is sitting on a couch, reading a book. A speech bubble says "My Relaxation time, what an interesting book". A clock shows 5:50.
- Bottom Middle Panel:** A girl is sitting at a desk, studying. A speech bubble says "Home work to be completed. Very interesting subject". A clock shows 6:50.
- Bottom Right Panel:** A boy is sitting at a desk, playing a game. A speech bubble says "Yup! My play time with my friends". A clock shows 7:50.
- Far Right Panel:** A girl is sitting at a desk, playing a game. A speech bubble says "Hello Grandpa (Grandma) Be Safe in Stay at home". Another speech bubble says "Wow! Dinner time Chicken Yummy". A clock shows 8:50.

The poster is titled "STAY HOME STAY SAFE" in large, bold letters at the bottom left. The central text "CORONA LOCKDOWN" is written in a stylized font. The background is a mix of green and yellow, with a large red heart in the center.

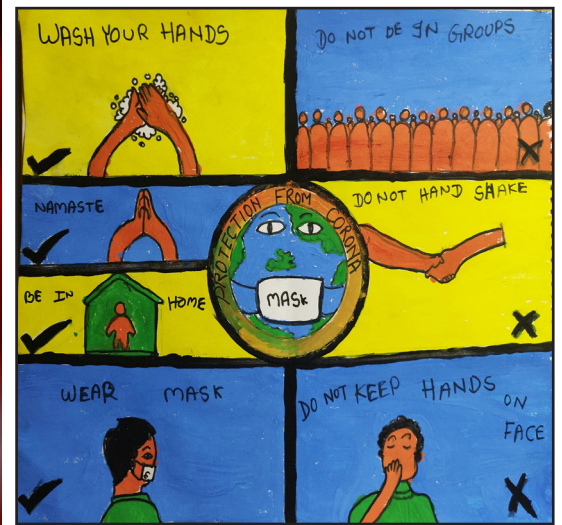
So, my dear friends
Let's stay calm and strong
Because this too shall pass
Let's keep the faith, erelong
And we shall soon meet again
Before it is way too long

Keep the faith

Artistic Expression



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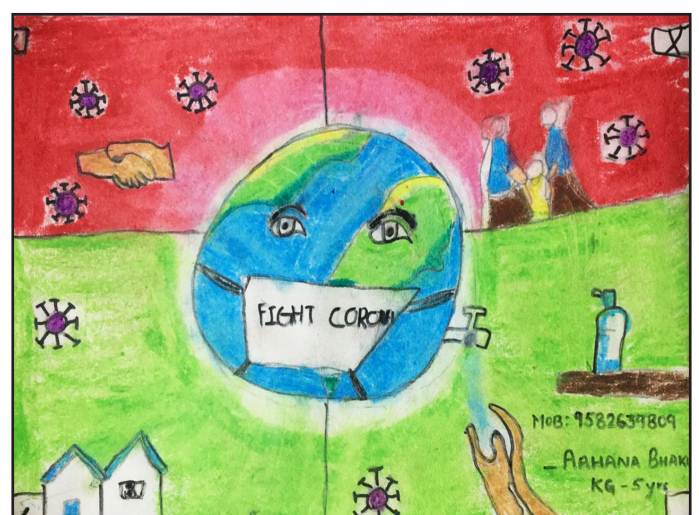
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