

THE ALUMNI WARRIORS OF AMITY

Whenever a crisis like that of Corona strikes, most of us try to keep ourselves safe and do not think about others. Well, contrary to this, there are many kind souls like the alumni of AIS Saket who left no stone unturned. Bringing you, the story of five alumni corona warriors who have gone an extra mile to work on the frontline:



Always stand strong... ...Is What Our Warrior, Vansh Saluja Vouches For



Vansh bid adieu to his school in 2015. He currently holds the position of Office Secretary at Office of Chairman, District Development Committee, Government of Delhi as well as he is the co-founder and COO at Confederation of Young Leaders.

The inspiration: His biggest source of inspiration was his school. For it provided him with multiple opportunities and helped him carve a niche for himself. Vansh was the youngest one to file RTI complain and earned the title 'Citizen Journalist', held the position of 'Head Boy' and even participated in Youth Power, a creative social leadership programme. All these opportunities proved to be a great pillar of support from a very early stage

in his life and taught him to believe in his dreams.

The action: Due to lockdown, migrant crisis became an alarming situation. The news flooded with sorry images of barefoot women, children walking alone who have perhaps lost their parents or men carrying tonnes of weight and walking miles to reach their homes. Vansh felt that it was the responsibility of the privileged people of the society to come forward and show their support at this critical situation. He arranged a food relief camp with his organisation which helped to serve around 400 migrants.

The hurdle: It was a big challenge to strike a balance between social distancing and helping the community. During the preparation of food packages, hygiene and sanitation norms were adhered to and it was ensured that the ones providing service at this time don't become carriers of this virus. 🇮🇳

Tanishi Adhikari, XII C & Vidhi Khurana, XI E, AIS Saket



Dr. Mrs. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools

Creativity in crisis

My dear Amitians, as we bring to you the last edition of 'Quarantine special' editions of your favorite newspaper, I must congratulate all of you for the exemplary inner strength you all have shown in these times. These 12 weeks have been an amazing experience for me as I saw you all manifest the virtues of compassion, strong will and courage to steer towards positivity and progress. With some of you participating in World Teenage Reporting Project and reaching out to your peers in the other parts of the country to pen down their endeavours to be the change, you have shown how inclusive and responsible you all are as young journalists. I feel immensely proud of you all for having soulfully imbibed what your teachers and mentors have taught you over all these years. These are very peculiar times but remember that you can and will always win because you are a human being, the one with infinite ability to transform as your favourite newspaper will continue to be your boulevard of creativity.

Service before self...

...Is What Our Warrior, Sanskriti Srivastava Swears By

The inspiration: Witnessing a world of starvation, poverty and unemployment, the least Sanskriti could do was to work towards the welfare of people. And the credit goes to her alma mater. It was from the school that she learnt values and started her journey towards lifting others.

The action: As the co-founder of the organisation, Sarvahitey, Sanskriti observed that the COVID hotspot districts announced by government needed support. For the same, they collaborated with Social Media Matters to provide effective support to almost 210 hotspot districts across India through the Facebook groups



Sarvahitey distributed sanitary products to women in Noida

known as My PinCode. With the support of 200 plus volunteer groups, basic sanitary products and food was provided to the ones in need. Nearly 5000 plus food packets and ration were distributed, which directly helped more than 2500 plus families across India. Apart from this, Sanskriti and the organisation, helped 100 migrant workers to go

back to their homes, addressed 100+ blood donation requests, and the list is long.

The hurdle: Every journey has its own share of challenges. Initially, Sanskriti and the organisation found that it was difficult to accumulate the required resources and funds and that too on a larger scale where they wanted to touch every city in the country. Yet, they



Sanskriti left the red brick building in the year 2010. She pursued Bachelors and Masters in Law. She is currently practicing corporate law in a public sector undertaking and holds the position of co-founder for the organisation, Sarvahitey as well as works for the project, My PinCode.

were able to involve more people and gather more funds to keep the project in full swing. [GFI](#)

Sapriya Sharma, XII F & Diya Sehgal, XI E, AIS Saket

First comes the duty...

...Is What Our Warrior, Shubhanshu Chawla Practices

The inspiration: Imbibing the thought provoking lessons and inspiring values taught to him by his teachers at the school, incited in him the fire to serve his nation and the fellow citizens.

The action: While COVID brought with itself uncertainties, Dr Shubhanshu was certain that he had to save the lives of the patients that were coming to him with immense faith. He, along with other doctors in the hospital, took all the safety measures and followed the government guide-



lines for the treatment of the COVID positive patients. Working hard day and night and not thinking about his family and life, Dr Shubhanshu made sure that the patients got proper treatment

with regular checkups at periodic intervals of time.

The hurdle: With the announcement of vaccine and drug testing on the way, Dr Shubhanshu was certain that the spread of the disease could be controlled. However, one issue which was of concern was that these testings and trials are a lengthy process and as a result the number of patients kept increasing with each passing day. [GFI](#)

Raghav Agrawal, XI C & Madhav Sharma, X D

AIS Saket



In 2004, Dr Shubhanshu went on to become a doctor by pursuing MBBS in University College of Medical Sciences. Currently, he is a doctor as well as a teacher in Dehradun. He is a part of Himalayan Institute Hospital Trust, a non-profit organisation addressing the healthcare of the local population. He is currently working in the COVID OPD of the hospital.

Crusade for change...

...Is What Our Warrior, Siddharth Kapoor Counts On

The inspiration: MUNs. This one word instilled in Siddharth the passion to do something for his country and the society. His participation in innumerable MUNs in school time made him realise the power of youth in shaping the world. His confidence was at par when he donned the position of Sec Gen in MUNs and transformed into a true potential being.

The action: In trying times like these, Siddharth with a will to help people, joined hands with the MyPincode, an organisation based on Facebook groups that spreads across 210 districts of India identified as hotspots by the Ministry of Home Affairs. On the



Facilitated by the NGO, migrants board a bus to hometown

job, he ensured hyper local, verifiable information at the national, state and local level because the biggest menace he felt was the lack of information and awareness among the people. Siddharth along with a team of 25 interns also facilitated the return of the migrants to their hometowns.

The hurdle: Despite having ad-

equated resources and contacts required, it was a very difficult task to be able to help the migrants. They were not tested for COVID, had trust issues and weren't even comfortable sharing their quintessential details. Some of them were denied tests due to jurisdictional issues and even spent a dreadful number of hours trying



Saying goodbye to his alma mater in 2016, Siddharth pursued Law from Amity Law School. He is currently working on the project called MyPincode, which is in association with Sarvahitey.

to find a shelter for the night. It was after almost four days of strenuous struggle that they were finally able to send the migrants back home. [G.T](#)

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Youth can bring a change...

Is What Our Warrior, Himadrish Suwan Believes In

The inspiration: Himadrish owes his social and intellectual growth to Amity. Since Nursery, he was provided with an environment which was a bedrock to overcome obstacles that came his way. What inspired him the most was his interaction with PM Narendra Modi, that urged him to come forward and create a platform (Confederation of Young Leaders) where the youth was under one consortium.

The action: Ever since the lockdown was imposed, he noticed that people from lower strata of



the society faced several challenges even for basic day to day needs. To help these people, Himadrish and other young leaders from his organisation came together to distribute food and per-

sonal protective equipments and ensured that people around them can manage to get essential items.

The hurdle: To reach out to more people in need, one surely needs more hands. This was the biggest challenge that Himadrish faced as there were so many people who didn't want to take charge and help in the distribution of food. Even after finding people to volunteer, many of them were more into seeking job rather than creating one for those around. [G.T](#)

Nandita Bansal, XI E & Sunayana Ray, XI F
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In the year 2014, Himadrish bid adieu to his alma mater. Thereafter, he pursued BA (Hons) Political Science from Delhi University. At present, he holds several positions- Chairman of the Confederation of Young Leaders, the director of Indian Institute of Governance and Leadership and advisor to the Confederation of Indian Universities.

The greatest teacher

To The Priceless Lessons That This Pandemic Taught Us

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Teachers: we see them running around on their toes to ensure that their students get access to the best form of education possible. Earlier, it was in school; however, now we see the same happening, only difference that now a screen comes between us. We see our teachers doing their best to help us even in the wake of such an unprecedented lockdown. Finding ways to keep our studies afloat, it was obviously not going to be a piece of cake for anyone. Learning in a lockdown has its own pros and cons. The good things are that we all are in the safety of our home and getting to learn in a new and different way and also learning to operate with technology. But the cons are a lot to list- not getting the usual school experience- the gossiping, the school pranks, the chatting in the class room using chits, friends, the class room study, practical knowledge and of course our wonderful teachers.

This crisis has also given us an opportunity to usher in a new era of learning that is based on the fundamental principles of schooling — care, concern, and compassion towards other people.

At first, I found this lockdown as the best days of my life, enjoying yummy food, watching Netflix


and doing whatever we feel like as there was no homework but later I realised that it is not what I thought it was.

Soon enough our online classes started. This was the first time in my life when I was missing school. I would have never thought in a gazillion years that

such a situation would occur. I would appreciate the effort of our teachers who are working their fingers to their bones just to help us to cope up with the studies even through these tough times. I have now realised that life is a conundrum of esoteric, you have twist and turns but the way you

take them defines who you are. This pandemic has also taught us a correct way to live and how a tiny, invisible virus could create such havoc.

In a way, this pandemic was a blessing in disguise. I am now getting more time to spend with my parents and enjoy at home by playing old games that my parents used to play. I also made this lockdown an opportunity to learn under the guidance of my parents and teachers. While I focused on my academics, I also started to build an interest for gardening, baking and music. I learned how to play the Guitar and also learned to bake cakes and I baked one for my mom's birthday too. Fortunately, many of us are enjoying this lockdown in some way or the other but for migrant workers it is a nightmare. They hardly get a meal in a day. So as a responsible citizen I donated money from my piggy bank to help them get food. I feel this lockdown truly made me a better human being. I strongly believe that there is always light at the end of the tunnel and we shall see it soon.

So, even though I bow down in front of my teachers and parents, for having imparted so many invaluable values and lessons my whole life, I thank the greatest teacher of the year- this pandemic, for enlightening us in ways never imagined. 





Vidhi Khurana, AIS Saket, XI E



Viraj Bhakuni, AIS Saket, IV D



Nine year old Viraj Bhakuni, student of Class IV D, Amity International School, Saket, with his hand made paper bag 'thanking the front line warriors of Covid-19' made on the occasion of Chairperson Ma'am's birthday.



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