

Corona warriors



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I hope this newsletter reaches you in the happiness and comfort of your homes. As our nation enters second phase of lockdown, AIS Saket 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 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. **G1**

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As Sanitation Band Comes To Rescue

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COVERD-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.

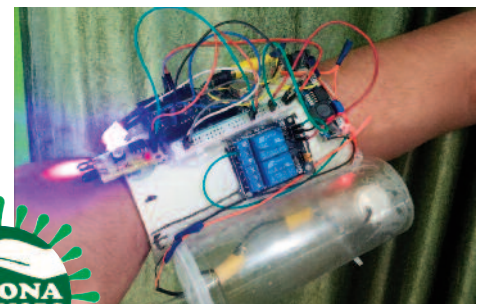
"This pandemic has brought our world to a standstill and we don't know when this will end, which is why it was important for me to do my part in helping the world," says Shivam when asked about the motivation behind ABHAY.

"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. Further more, 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



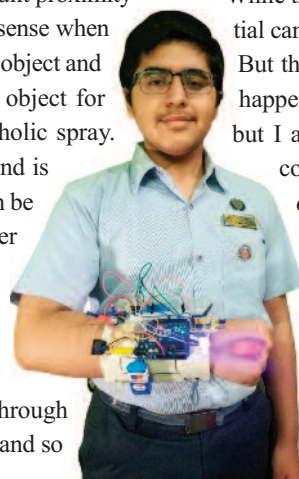
CORONA WARRIORS

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! **G1**



Corona, the fight continues

The Effect Of The Mighty Lockdown On People

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As the calendar changed to April 14, 2020, our PM announced extension of a nationwide lockdown till May 3, 2020 as a safety measure against the rapidly increasing pandemic we have come to know as coronavirus. While the struggle continues, let's take a look at how different people are affected by this crisis...

Essentials: Working as the heroes of the world, the essential employees in services like hospitals, banks, convenience stores, police etc., are the pillars of our



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society. Even when every human is asked to stay inside for their own safety, they go out to perform their duties to ensure the smooth functioning of the nation.

Daily wagers: People who earned their income by doing daily wages are struggling the

most in this pandemic. Worried more about starving to death than testing positive for coronavirus, the government has taken out various schemes to help the ones in need with free supplies and food.

Non-essentials: People in non-

essential services have seen a complete and total lockdown on their work. From working in schools, restaurants, businesses etc., they have been encouraged to work from home. All they require is a laptop and necessary applications on their phone.

Scholars: With the schools, universities, and tuitions out, the students who first were excited over having off-days are now really glad to have online classes to keep their minds sharp and away from boredom. It is a great way to keep the students educated and to keep them occupied whilst being locked in their homes. [G I](#)

The Financial Times

An Overview Of Economy In The Time Of Corona

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Since the pandemic has begun, the global economy is walking on thin ice with stock markets crashing and industries collapsing. While there are some sectors which have weathered this storm and are experiencing growth at this crucial time. Here's a quick overview of two sides of the same coin:

The cascading catastrophe

Fight or flight - With countries all over the world getting locked down, the airline and tourism industry have been facing difficulties. Several government directives have been restricting companies from layoffs of em-

ployees as well as provide financial aid to the staff during the entire lockdown period. Adding to the damage, the flattening consumer demands are not likely to be revived for ages due to the sudden increase in awareness.

Lights, camera and pause- Productions of films have been halted and thousands of workers are in a soup with low to absolutely no accumulated funds to count on. In fact, many national and international film festivals have been halted. The venue for the famous Cannes Film Festival has been converted into

a shelter for the homeless amid coronavirus lockdown.

The booming bruisers

Sitcom and chill- Streaming services like Netflix, Amazon Prime and Hulu have inevitably seen a significant increase in viewership and revenue. On the other hand, video conferencing services like Zoom, HouseParty, and Google Hangout are facilitating in conducting online

classes for students. On the work front, these platforms are acting as communication links to people all over the globe.

Mask the unmasked- Many companies that produce sanitisers, disinfecting wipes and other cleaning agents have reported increase in the purchase of their products. Panic buying and stockpiling has led to them making notable profits. In fact, the Global Hand Sanitising Market is expected to reach USD 2.14 billion by 2027.

For industries facing tough times, sociologists predict that once the fear of the infection subsides, there could be retail consumer boom as citizens would want to use facilities they were restricted to use.



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A corona-free world

Letter For A New Future

Manavendra, AIS Saket, X B

As a 19-year-old in college, I could have never imagined things would be this easy a while back. As I was lying down on the bed of my college hostel, I remembered the coronavirus outbreak about five years ago, in 2020. It really was an annus horribilis. Suddenly, my heart ached for my past self with little to no hopes of coming out of it, and so, I decided to write a letter to my past self in 2020.

April 12, 2025


Dear little Manavendra,

You must be stuck in the quarantine right now. But trust me; it would really help you and your family in the long run. At first, you would be disgruntled knowing that there would be no interactions with your friends, and that you would be stuck at home, as if on house arrest. But it would all be worth it once you see how it is your family that will provide you with food, comfort, security and hope when needed. And once you overcome it all, you will realise how you didn't know your family at all. You will see a new side of your parents' personality. And while you would be still introspecting, the battle against corona would wage throughout the world and the solution would lay with the people itself. Public around you will ensure that everybody follows the government's orders with enthusiasm.

Doctors and policemen will risk their own lives; people recovered from coronavirus would volunteer for filling gaps in public services and give the medical system room to breathe. And lastly, it would be commoners like you who would play a key role in rebooting the economy. Not just the economy, but you would also see the nature around you evolve for better, only to never look back.

All in all, 2020 would be an important year. The world you will then step into is going to be a brave new world than it had ever been. So, sail through it you little dove, the future awaits!

With love,
19-year-old Manavendra

It's funny as I now contemplate how it took an outbreak to change me and the world around me. God does work in mysterious ways, I tell you! 



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The constancy of life

A Choice Or Compulsion?

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March 25, 2020: India to go on a 21-day lockdown


An announcement that rendered us trembles from within. Isn't it strange that a microscopic creature, corona, can have a huge impact on the whole planet? But let's come back to the term lockdown; because that's we all have been deserted with. We'll find some way or the other to get through this time. All the hobbies and long lost passions that we had kept aside for days like this; well, here we are! This is going to be easy.

April 13, 2020: India to extend nationwide lockdown

The feeling is not the same anymore. There is throbbing feeling of guilt residing in us for every single plan that we ever said not to. The idea of quarantine felt like a dream come true, direct out of a movie scene, but here comes the unanticipated ex-

tension, which we don't even know will end any time soon. For some of us, who cherished being alone at home, the experts at voluntary self-isolation were now taken aback.

You see, there is a difference between getting to stay at home and having to stay at home. It seems pretty exciting when it's a choice, but not very much if it is a compulsion. Video calls only act as a constant reminder of leading virtual lives instead of getting to see each other in person. For, there are no boundaries in a family. They, very not-so-lovingly, call me a kaam-chor(e) back here at home. The idea of 'Netflix & Chill' has officially been replaced by 'all-work-no-will'

To all my friends, no my cat did not die and no, mom definitely did not say no. I am sorry for all the plans that never were. And, because I know myself, I happen to know that absolutely nothing will change once the lockdown is lifted but for now, I miss you and I cannot wait to see you offline (please). 



A Desperate Longing For The Life Before The Confinement

Prisha, AIS Saket, IX B

March 2020
25th
Wednesday

Dear diary,

Oh what a perfect day! It's almost as if all my prayers have been answered! This evening, the PM declared a 21-day lockdown for the whole nation due to the dangerous Corona virus spread. This means, no schools, no tuitions for almost a month. Also, mom and dad have also been asked to work from home. To be honest, I am so excited that I cannot even begin to express. I had been waiting desperately for a phase like this. I'll make the most of this unexpected vacation. Looking forward to days of fun and relaxation!

March 2020
26th
Thursday

Dear diary,

So, after many deliberations to resume our curriculum, we had our first online class today. It was surprisingly fun. No morning rush, ironing of uniform or setting the bag according to the timetable. I had a relaxed day post the classes. I took out my dust-laden sketchbook and thought of starting a new sketch, but ended up spending a large amount of time on what to start with. My mother permitted me to watch the television in the evening, a rare pleasure before the lockdown had started!

March 2020
27th
Friday

Dear diary,

Classes were more rigorous with a major chunk of time being invested in the homework that was assigned to us. Life is falling into routine again, with morning breakfast, getting ready, and attending the classes having fixed time. Immediately after class, I had lunch, then sat down to complete my homework and revise the new concepts. But as evening approached, I realized that even my Art class and regular evening meet-up with friends in the colony park is under a lock down for twenty one, almost unending, days! Not a very pleasing thought.

March 2020
28th
Saturday

Dear diary,

It's the weekend. But then every single day has started to take the same form as the other now and I am not very thrilled. Anyway, I finally decided upon the sketch I will start with. I did start working on it. And in the evening, I thought of helping my mother a bit in the kitchen. What else, I was looking for chores which were exciting. No new shows or episodes on the television, no new faces, it's just the close family together, mostly finishing off the household chores and then digging deep into their respective mobiles.

March 2020
30th
Monday

Dear diary,

A Sunday just went by, and I did not even realize. Yes, there was a special breakfast, but the day that followed was in no way any exciting. In fact my regular Sunday show also telecasted an old episode. My sketch is not even mid-way by now. And I am already bored working on the same thing. I decided to catch up with my friends over a video call, which we did.

March 2020
31st
Tuesday

Dear diary,

'What now?'...is an eternal question that keeps ringing...Mother told me to start observing nature, listening to the birds sing? I spent some minutes doing that and found it comforting but this cannot be an activity that can last more than 15 minutes. My bones are rusted, as I am tied inside my house. As I turn the pages of my diary I can't believe I was super excited last week. I hardly had any idea of what is coming up. How I wish the physical school starts, How I wish I could catch up with my girls in the evening in the park, how I wish I could go with mommy to shop for the regular grocery, how I wish I could step out for an ice-cream post dinner. Can we be relieved already? **GT**

A yellow ribbon

Lesson Learnt From The Past In The Times Of Corona

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Soham woke up to the unfamiliar sound of silence, he extended his hand to pick up his phone but instead he grasped empty air. He looked around; this wasn't his house. Panic slowly started to creep in, but he tried to console himself. Under normal circumstances he would go out and try to find out where he was, but he couldn't do that because his area was too under lockdown due to pandemic. A girl with bright yellow ribbons in her hair entered the room and inquired, "Who are you?" Soham replied, "I'm Soham. I think I'm lost, can you help me? She asked him to follow her. The house had a nice garden and busy streets out front. Soham covered his mouth and spoke, "How are these people on the streets! India is under lock-



down!" The girl looked at him weirdly. Soham noticed a newspaper lying on the ground. The date read 14th June 1989! Soham felt scared but his inquisitiveness took over and he asked the girl, "What's your name?" she replied, "Reena" and told him that he had to go back to his home or else he could stay a bit longer only if he

would not disturb her.

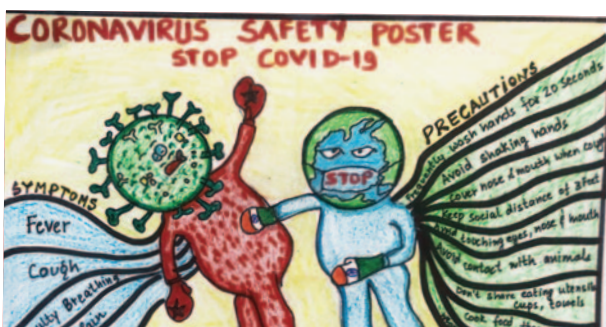
Throughout the day, Soham was awed at how these people survived without the internet. All the kids of the house never got bored. Either they circled the kitchen while their mother was cooking or else they would just rest or talk. He remembered how just yesterday he was complaining of being

bored just because he had nothing to do for past few minutes.

He couldn't remember the last time he circled around his mother when she was cooking or talked to his father for long. He would just sit on his PC and play games, but quarantine made even that boring. He felt guilty and reminded himself that if he ever returned to his life, he would never again complain of being bored. It was almost evening, and with exhaustion, he fell asleep.

When he next woke up, he saw the familiar ceiling of his house and happily jumped up. "Was it all just a dream?" he asked himself. And as he was going to reflexively check his phone, he noticed a yellow ribbon on his side table. He smiled, kept the phone down right away and went to see what his parents were doing. Lesson learnt!!

Artistic Expression



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