

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 Vasundhara 1 brings to you the second edi-

tion 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.

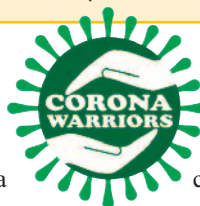
While we tried to keep ourselves safe by taking every precautionary measure possible, Satyam Mehta, a student of Class XI from AIS Noida, decided to step up and derive effectual safety measures not just for himself, but others around him. Thus, 'Faceshield' – 3D printed face mask, was born.

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 standout 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 upto 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 World Teenage Reporting Project, COVID 19 is a global collaboration of teenage reporters in newsrooms around the world who produce stories about what their peers are doing to help during the Coronavirus pandemic.

BE SAFE BE SMURF
STAY @ HOME



#Quarantined

Let's Deal With COVID 19 With A Positive Attitude

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*COVID-19 will reshape our world
We don't yet know when the crisis will end
But we can be sure that by the time it does
Our world will look very different.*

COVID-19 has slaughtered loads of people. Not only the infected individuals are dying, but people are also breathing their last breath due to hunger, depression and what not. It has rammed the world's economy a century backwards, harming us so much, that it may take decades to return back to the locus where we were before it.

Though the whole mankind wants this to get over, there are some who are worried about the losses they endured due to being quarantined, not comprehending the loss of life they would endure otherwise. What use that money will be then? We earn it for contentment, to make our families glad and so that one day we can all relish ourselves. And now that we are getting all the time in the world to keep our families safe and sound, to spend quality time with them, why fuss? Apart from the ones whining about it, there are families who are actually enjoying this phase by playing board games, cards, eating together, watching television together and

in so many more ways. And, not just that but we are actually recovering our long lost relations and friendships. So, this quarantine has actually brought us close to each other even after separating us physically.

Not only this, but it seems that nature is recovering itself too. The air quality has improved, temperature has reduced, birds and animals are no more scared, noise pollution has diminished and quality of life has enhanced in every possible way.

Quarantine has also taught us all a lot of new things, whether it is learning new recipes or viewing documentaries or acquiring new talents, we have all gained in one way or the other. Though some people are not appreciating it right now, but once it all gets over, they will surely remember these unusual yet productive days for a pretty long time.

But we are not saying that this all should never get over. It should because our education system has almost collapsed, people are losing their livelihoods, they are suffering, they are stuck at places away from their homes and worst of all, they are dying. Yes this has caused us harm in an unimaginable way but we have to learn to stay happy with quarantine for a few more months. Let's be a little patient. Let's be positive. Stay home, stay safe! 🇮🇳



Chapter: Economy

An Overview Of Dwindling Businesses

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It's not the first time that a crisis like COVID-19 has struck the world. But what makes the present situation different is the impact of this virus. As much as the tiny organism is taking away the lives of the people, it is also challenging the economies around the world, causing a complete upheaval of life-style. Read on to find out how...

Oil, in a slide

The COVID-19 has significantly put a temporary pause in various manufacturing oil units throughout the world. The biggest oil producers such as Russia, the United States, and Saudi Arabia have seen a major drop in demand because millions of people have been asked to stay indoors. On the other hand, oil-dependent countries like Iraq and Nigeria are in a bad state because nearly 90% of their revenue comes from oil which is further used to support the lives of millions of workers.

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Travel, upside down

One of the industries that had to face the direct backhand of COVID-19 is none other than travel and tourism. The tourism industry directly generates more than 5 percent of the world's total employment. But as governments all around the world imposed restrictions leading to airlines cutting flights, the United Nations World Tourism organisation suspects that this would translate into a loss of around 450 US\$ billion in international tourism.

Gold, not so gold

Coronavirus is a major pandemic as it has not only taken away the lives of people but also created a huge impact on the resources. Gold, once considered as man's best friend in difficult times, now stands in flux because its price can be seen tumbling faster than jack. Due to lockdown, the entire spot gold markets have remained shut and hence there has been a massive decline in prices.

What the lockdown brings To Little Children Like Me

Aradhya Swarnkar
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The coronavirus is spreading globally. It is infecting people who do not have a home, who are forced to live on the roadside. We are in a lockdown situation where we cannot go outside, especially kids and elderly people. Whenever my dad goes outside to bring groceries, we are strictly told not to touch anything he brings inside as it might be infected.

But the lockdown has also made families come together to spend quality time together, be it playing with siblings, watch-

ing movies together, baking with mom or gardening with dad. Many have their grandparents living with them so they get to spend time with them too, listening to the stories they have to tell.

The lockdown has been a dream for many, to live without specific routines, being lazy the whole day, no rush because there is nowhere to go and to take time and brush up on skills. This is the best home vacation for children! But it is important not to take things lightly as the situation is bad. If we have our family with us, we should be glad.





We can do it

Keeping Hopes And Spirits High During These Harsh Times

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"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievements. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."


-Helen Keller

The prevailing situation of the COVID-19 has magnified all our fears. We have become downhearted and are completely hopeless. COVID-19 is a dicey pandemic and it's extremely important to flatten the curve as responsible and answerable citizens. It seems like tough ages are not gone yet. Lockdown across the nation has turned our lives upside down. Worries and problems caused by the lockdown have created a sense of hopelessness and gloominess amongst the citizens, but losing hope is worse than the lockdown itself. This is the time of after struggle but folks, the struggle we are in today is the strength we re-

quire for tomorrow.

During this desolating time, one can spend time on doing something nifty. Now is the best time to go deeper within ourselves and cultivate good habits. Life is at its best when things have fallen out of place, and you decide that you are going to fight and get things right. Losing all hope is not the key to overcome a pandemic. During the current scenario it is extremely important to maintain social distancing no matter how worse the stars are. Struggle is one of the best blessings in life. Together, we all can overcome this pandemic and our fears. COVID-19 has turned out to be a blessing in disguise. Earth is replenishing itself and our lives are heading towards the better.

Survival of the fittest is the ultimate law of nature. Nature finds a way to eliminate the unhealthy. To preserve nature it is our duty to prevent this pandemic. Today, social distancing is salient. Earth is what we all have in common and we must work together to maintain

a healthy earth. Strength and hope is all we need. Yes, the economy is in vain but the history is an example that whenever economy went in vain, the nature replenished itself. Nothing can be accomplished without the hope of accomplishment. This time shall too pass. Individuals across the world argued to end the lockdown because they believe one cannot understand the significance and intensity of the virus simply by just looking at raw death figures. The lockdown is sustainable and people are responsible enough to take care of themselves. COVID-19 is a perilous and it would be imprudent of the government to end the lockdown at such a risky stage. Our lives are no longer well balanced. The world is full of hardship and wretchedness. But, we may not always have a comfortable life and we may not be able to solve all of the world's problems at once all we can do is have hope for the better. Together the world can defeat the cataclysmic plague..

Let's brave it!

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We are locked inside our houses
Cause out there is COVID crisis

The whole world is in danger
Doctors now are our true rangers

The economies are descending
As we practise social distancing
Farmers are not aptly tuned
To see their crops getting ruined

But Nature is happily healing
As we hear the birds singing
Wash your hands every hour
Let's show corona our power

Future will be better than today
This too shall soon pass away
Our government is trying its best
Make your spirits too pass this test

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It's time for change!

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In an atmosphere so queer
Need of the hour is to care
Care for your loved ones
Try to live by your own once

In this period of lockdown
Better smile and not frown
Because this is for your good
Everyone has done what they could

The only one remaining is you
Otherwise we would be left with few
Come on, let's now be the change
Do everything that's in your range

World is in a disastrous phase
Let India be a different case
Don't let Corona show its wrath
It's time to change it into a moth

Let's show the world it's not impossible
Let's show Corona is not invincible
Come on, let's now be the change
Do everything that's in your range

Fight corona

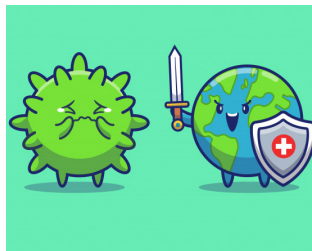
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It's not too much of a task
To ask you to wear a mask

Washing your hands is right
We need to win this fight

If your carelessness increases
Our population will decrease

Isolation is the only way



To fight corona, I say

Take this pandemic seriously
So we can fight it furiously

Lockdown isn't that bad

Harshal Sinha
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The roads are so empty
During this lockdown
Little kids sitting at home
Are behaving like clowns

Children at home
willing to make chapatis
Still miss the road side junk
The cakes and the patties

Babies are enjoying rides
on their father's backs
Shoes have been sleeping
since a long time on the racks

Some lost birds and animals
Have found their place
Hand in hand they roam
Without any rush or haste

Mother earth is resting finally
At least for a few days
After long years of tiredness
She needs this holiday

The contagious game

Ananya Mahajan
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There is a fear in atmosphere
That hammered at my head
And pounded in my ear

There isn't any operation
Only shock from isolation
I stand at the river of panic

Wishing I could just vanish
As I struggle for a breath

I see the door to final death

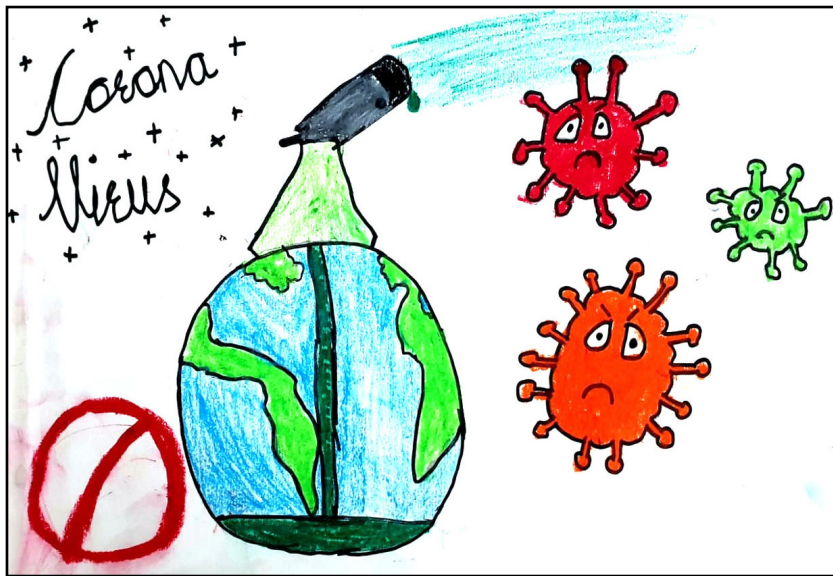
I feel I can beat this prison
After all, I have optimism
As people go to their rooms

Air is no longer filled with fumes
But this cannot affect my soul
I fight my tears beyond control

No one knows what's at the end
We let our hopes for survival extend!
And have our prayers for the needy sent



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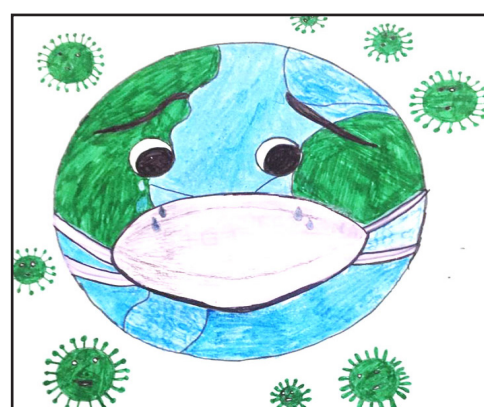
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