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A MASKED ERA

Vachas

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MESSAGES

"Your flight will remind others to unfold their wings."

Er. Koneru Satyanarayana
President, KL (Deemed to be University)

I am very pleased to learn about the forthcoming issue of the KL student magazine, "Horizon". The name Horizon, amply reminds us that it is the apparent boundary between the earth and the sky, one being the institution and one being the students, bringing together both of them. In trying times like these, when everyone needs reassurance that they are not alone, our magazine is here as a ray of hope for those battling the Coronavirus, both physically and mentally. You don't have to be a direct victim of COVID 19, being a part of the world where you have to coexist with it, is enough to pull you down.

I congratulate and appreciate all the students who put together their ideas and their work into action. I appreciate the efforts of the editorial team for making "Horizon" our voice. Not yours, not mine, but ours.

"When the nib of your pen can speak worldly truths, taking it off the paper is a crime."

Dr. L. S. S. Reddy,
Vice-Chancellor, KL (Deemed to be University)

Time has never been this unkind to us in recent decades, with every section in the society being abated to drastic downfall. Not a sign of hope has become easy to find, as the pandemic is exterminating optimism in merciless fashion. Students and academicians, of all, have seen their methods expand into unknown territory while also being demanded to exhibit immense adaptability to come into their own. In times as dark as these, the entire panorama needs to see the light of its possibility of revival. Positivity and resilience are to be spread in great amounts for a man to regain a lost belief and this edition of KL Horizon does that in all the many ways. Brilliant pieces of literature, art and photography have been summoned to this excellent congregation, with the precocious talent of the students of KL being displayed on such a revered platform. The efforts of Team Magazine are to be lauded for their ingenuity and astuteness.

"You are, and always will be your own masterpiece."

Dr. N. Venkatram,
Pro Vice-Chancellor, Administration, KL (Deemed to be University)

I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all to the new edition of KL Horizon. This magazine, being the voice of KL University has come back with a new theme fit for the world we are in right now. It is an absolute delight to see students taking the initiative of issuing this new edition, set in the backdrop of an extremely relevant setting, replicating all that is happening in the world at this moment. A responsibility it is, of the student community to put forth a word of hope and belief amidst this severe crisis and KL Horizon has become the stage for such wonderful works filling the readers with strength, to the last cell, to wish for survival and revival. I congratulate Team Magazine on this major accomplishment and would like to express my hope of witnessing many more editions like this.

"No amount of endings will end the new beginnings."

Dr. G. P. Saradhi Varma,
Pro Vice-Chancellor, Academics, KL (Deemed to be University)

The result of our coming together, keeping together and working together, despite the obstacles that we have faced along the way, is this exceptional Magazine. It is a moment of great privilege and honour that our University literary club, Vachas has come up with the 7th edition of the Student Magazine, KL Horizon. I take this opportunity to convey my best regards to Team Magazine, the students who submitted their masterpieces and also the staff who supported them. We have experienced exceptional talents, magical moments and created memories that will be fondly remembered in the years ahead and I'm blissful that this magazine holds them all in its exhilarating pages. May your years ahead continue to be characterized by empathy, compassion, objectivity and a willingness to take risks. Once again, congratulations, and we look forward to continued participation from you and make every magazine a remarkable one in the coming years.

"Yours is the future, and on you, the world will come to depend."

Dr. Prasada Rao YVSSSV,
Registrar, KL (Deemed to be University)

I see this issue as an epitome of resolute diligence and dedication to gratify an equally glorious motive. Unlike from the previous editions, the Team Magazine this time has manifested its sheer determination to bring forth this issue with their entire work being done in the newly prescribed online mode. But neither the challenges stigmatize this method of work nor the lack of irreplaceable ease in regular workspaces affected the brilliance of this conglomeration, which bears remarkable exuberance every edition did in the past. The honest efforts of each member in the team are reflected by the beauty in their craft, displayed in the writings and art. Also to be lauded are the students who have challenged the readers' their talent through the submissions they have made for the magazine and made this edition, a very distinguished one in terms of content. Acknowledging the responsibility of profiting from the excellently diverse platforms provided for all-round development not only makes a student versatile but also worldly.

"Hope is the sunlight we all need to thrive and grow."

Dr. K. R. S. Prasad
Dean, Student Affairs, KL (Deemed to be University)

There is no greater calling than to teach young people. I always believed, with hope, no matter how limited we might be, we will do our best to achieve what we call dreams. And surprisingly, this is what you young people prove to me each day. You always give me hope and with that, I always want to teach you more and help you reach what you call your dreams. However, at the end of the day, what matters the most is where you stand relative to your yesterday. So, keep making yourself better every day and the best version of you is yet to come. Besides, I'm also honoured to thank the hard work, patience and also perseverance of Team Magazine and the staff that helped them, without whom we would not be seeing this magnificent Student magazine. You showed us "hard work pays off." Also, it is my pleasure to acknowledge the efforts of all the students who have submitted their literary work and art pieces to the magazine and encouraged the team to give their best and not to give up.

"May your successes be many and your tribulations be few and far between."

Dr. M. Kameswara Rao,
Assoc. Dean, Publishing, KL (Deemed to be University)

KL University is habituated to experiencing a euphoric pleasure whenever Horizon reaches the publishing desk, for this indigenous literary and artistic masterpiece acts as a marvellous platform for the students to put their latent talent to display. Efforts like this not only enthral students but also inspire them to utilize the wonderful opportunities at KL. The entirety of the institution would be decorated with exuberance during the making of the magazine every turn, with both Team Magazine and the students on their toes to bring out an illustrious edition. The team works with great persistence to make every issue the most brilliant one. An uncalled and startling misfortune, took its toll on the academic paradigm in every nook and corner of the world, rendering students helpless with no other choice but to change the track and adapt to learning online, which is nonetheless a visionary advancement. But no part of this has influenced any decline in the enthusiasm in the team, which has diligently worked despite the challenges and made this issue a reality.

"It's impossible to plan a route without a map."

Dr. Shubhakar Raju
Hobby Clubs In-Charge, KL (Deemed to be University)

It is needless to say that students at KL have their time invested not only in academics but also in exploring their passion, developing their skills and acquiring essential exposure. Having closely witnessed the growth of many students into responsible

and wise spearheads, I can claim that KL Horizon is a testament to that fact. Conducting the creation of a college magazine encompassing the works of numerous enthusiasts from many departments in itself is a gigantic task. Bringing in talent from various departments, uniting them with a contemporary theme and upholstering the collection with an aesthetic design, all during a time like this, is no trivial job. For that reason, I'd congratulate Team Magazine for their exemplary efforts in bringing this edition.

EDITORIAL NOTE

Beloved readers and bibliophiles,

I would like to start my message by quoting one of the greatest authors of all time, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, "Once you eliminate the impossible, whatever remains, no matter how improbable, must be the truth." Well of course the quote has nothing to do with my message, but it is my favourite quote of all times.

I feel exceptionally phenomenal and overwhelmed to invite you to read the seventh edition of the Horizon Magazine which is enfranchised as 'The Masked Era'. Horizon always tries its best to bring out the latent talent from the students of the University. I would like to thank each and everyone who reached out to Vachas in the pursuit of showcasing their talents. I hope this edition of the Horizon can be used as your Patronus Charm.

Dark times, these are! And all we want is survival, longevity and merriment of our peers and loved ones. This edition of the magazine tried to connect everyone in the pandemic. This edition made the thinkers put their ideas on the paper and the 'idle' ists to think. In the last edition, we reached out to everyone regarding their 'mental health'. This edition is meant to bridge the gap between peer and peer and allow the ideas, concerns, and methods to reach everyone by breaking the barriers.

For most of the people who quarantined with their families, the pandemic is a boon because they spend their time with their families. We never could have spent this much time with our families if it weren't for COVID. It pushed the threshold of adversity in every house regardless of their caste, race, and creed. COVID made their families stick together and fight together. I believe that togetherness is what everyone learns while the world is burning. I hope the readers enjoy and learn from our content. This magazine collates everyone's ideas on COVID. After all, words are our most inextinguishable source of Magic!

I would like the epilogue to my message to be a quote by 'Albus Percival Wulfric Brian Dumbledore'/ J.K Rowling. " Happiness can be found, even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light."

Expecto Patronum

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A WORD FROM VACHAS

"Don't shy away from the light, for this may be your time to shine"

As the literary club of the University, Vachas undertakes many responsibilities, of which the magazine is one. KL Horizon, the official student magazine of KL University is a perfect reflection of the brilliance Vachas tints the members with. It provides space for the students' creativity to flower by showcasing various literary pieces and artworks, sharing it with the like-hearted and encouraging others to participate. Horizon, in all its previous editions, has been an innovative platform that brought out many latent talents into the limelight. But this time, with a pandemic shaking the entire community, scepticism took control of the thought of bringing out a new edition. This was where we were supported the most by the University management. The Team Magazine has been assured that a new edition would be thoroughly encouraged and published, for this magazine is a trademark of the University. It is then that the team came up with the most appropriate and relevant theme for the magazine that, by no chance can be missed. To be exalted is the enthusiasm displayed by the student circles in the wake of the notification of Horizon because the mailbox never paused ringing with submissions. It is this continuous support and zeal of both the team and the students which fuelled the magazine to success. We are thankful to the University for giving us this magnificent opportunity to bring out amazing talents and contribute to its prestige in the form of a magazine.

Vachas is a literature enthusiast's destiny. The club brings people together from all walks of life who share a common interest and a desire to improve themselves. They acquire some highly valued skills in the professional world, such as effective communication, writing and leadership skills, while also exuberantly being engulfed in the revelry of literature. To encourage this, Vachas organizes several gatherings of enthusiasts debating, writing and doing various literary works. Each of the activities conducted provokes members to be a better version of themselves. They'd put up a proper definition of learning while having fun. The intricacies involved in the arts of communication and expression would be perceived after having an exposure to the environment of the club. The club members are always dedicated and persevering, and work tirelessly to ensure the meets adhere to high standards and go by smoothly.

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ABOUT HOBBY CLUBS

THE MISSION OF HOBBY CLUBS:

The hobby clubs of KL (Deemed to be University) aims to fulfil the following:

- To help members of the club pursue and explore their interests on a deeper level.
- To help exhibit exemplary teamwork while doing what they do the best and gain skills while doing so.
- To develop the student's personalities and to perform better during their future endeavours.
- To introduce them to a plethora of benefits in all-round personality development.

VACHAS CLUB:

Literature is the art of discovering something extraordinary about ordinary people and saying with ordinary words something extraordinary. And from time to time, Vachas aims to organize a rich and diverse array of literary activities to inculcate among students, a flair for the language and enhance their literary skills which indeed brings out a wall magazine canvas to provide space for the student's creativity to flower, to become orators and display their intellectual, independent thinking skills and imbibe a sense of confidence.

SWARA CLUB:

SWARA club is an energetic club of musically gifted students who meet up and make captivating music. Be it vocalists, guitarists, keyboardists, bassists, drummers, violinists, the club has a very diverse talent in terms of the variety of instrumentalists and a range of different vocalists certainly not bound by genres. The club strives to promote student participation in the contribution and enjoyment of their musical abilities and to provide an outlet for all students to set a rhythm to their feelings in the form of music. All in all, it is a family with a mixture of musical talent and wonderful people.

NARTHANA CLUB:

Dance is like dreaming with our feet and to live that dream, Narthana is the stage which boosts up the morale of students not only to highlight their talent of dance but also to have their artistic exploration. The motto of this club is to possess the ability to fascinate people by adapting to the latest dance forms without mutating the real essence of dance. When one starts listing the forms of dances this club encompasses, the list gets longer with the Indian dance forms like Bharatanatyam, Kuchipudi and going on with contemporary, freestyle, and many more.

ABHINAYA CLUB:

Abhinaya club is that one platform dedicated to promoting an enchanting journey where students meet fantastic creatures and incredible characters whilst exploring various dramatic acts. The club devotes itself to working for restoring the cultural heritage and to learn appreciating dramatic literature and its techniques. It also helps students to attain mastery of the language of expression.

CHALANA CHITRA CLUB:

A film is a petrified fountain of thoughts and to bring light on such thoughts to come true, Chalana Chitra is the place where students are encouraged to make short films and pursue photography based on the themes that address the hidden problems of the society to spread awareness in the form of entertainment. The motto of this club is to improve your ability to express yourself and make the revelation more artistic. It brings together those who want to elicit their ideas and emotions, explore new themes through the medium of frames on a common stage.

AASTHA CLUB:

The Aastha club has proved itself as the best example for the quote, "Helping hands are better than praying lips", by initiating many contributions to change society. The main motto of this club is to help needy people like students studying in government schools, orphans, physically challenged people, and those affected by natural disasters.

AAROHANA CLUB:

Aarohana club is a trekking club which helps in building up self-confidence and teamwork in students. This club crafts a situation which helps the students understand the importance of assisting each other in intricate situations and aids students in managing ups and downs of their life by making them indulge in tasks where they keep learning from crazy experiences.

PRAKRUTHI CLUB:

This is a club completely dedicated to the protection of the environment and to create awareness among people about the importance of the environment. This club strives to project the threats to the environment because of human activities which are indeed endangering the species and disturbing the biodiversity and it firmly aims to live an eco-friendly life to protect ourselves before it's too late. Further, this helps us give our future generations a better place to live healthy and happy lives.

SAMSKRUTHI CLUB :

"A civilization is a heritage of beliefs, customs, and knowledge slowly accumulated in centuries, elements difficult at times to justify by logic, but justifying themselves as paths when they lead somewhere since they open up for man his inner distance." This club spreads the greatness of heritage and social values of our country among the people. This club strives to promote Indian culture and heritage among the students and enhances the sense of religious tolerance and harmony.

YANTRANA CLUB:

Necessity is the mother of invention and invention is the mother of innovation. Every innovative idea led to an impossible invention which proved improbable, was not that hard to achieve. These have now become the part and parcel of our life. This technical club is a yonder destiny in the quest of perfection where no stone is left unturned and no second is left unspent.

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THE NEW **CORONA VIRUS**

The first question is "What is coronavirus?". As per the WHO, the coronavirus family, the Coronaviridae, causes illnesses starting from communicable diseases to more severe diseases like Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and geographic region respiratory syndrome (MERS). The new coronavirus, the seventh known to affect humans, has been named COVID-19. It's more infectious than other coronaviruses like SARS and MERS-CoV. This disease emerged in Wuhan, the capital of China's Hubei province in late 2019, then spread to other parts of the globe in three months. The WHO declared the virus a plague on March 11 and said it had been "deeply concerned by the alarming levels of spread and severity". The WHO recommends basic hygiene like regularly washing hands with soap and water, and covering your mouth together with your elbow when sneezing or coughing. It affects different people in several ways. Most infected people will develop mild to moderate illness and recover without hospitalization. The foremost common symptoms are fever, dry cough, tiredness, and few Serious symptoms are difficulty in breathing or shortness of breath, loss of speech or movement. On average, it takes 5–6 days for symptoms to point out when someone infects the virus. However, it can take up to 14 days to recover. As of now, researchers know that the new coronavirus spreads through droplets released into the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. The droplets generally travel over a foot, and they fall to the bottom (or onto surfaces) during a few seconds, this is why social distancing is effective in preventing the spread. In the absence of a vaccine, no human contact is one of the ways of stopping the spread of the virus. The lesser the human touch, the lesser the virus spreads. Given the rapid spread of the virus, social lockdown is urgent to bring overall transmission down, and see whether testing followed by isolation might be an effective way and can be an endeavour to scale back infections and its spread. Since the new coronavirus can spread unnoticed, many governments have felt the best way is to ensure that people have minimal contact with one another to have total lockdowns, with people only being allowed to go to induce food or medicine. Countries that had epidemics first, like China and other Asian countries have brought cases down dramatically through widespread testing and social distancing. Protecting ourselves from the spread of COVID-19 is what we can do in this pandemic situation. We reduce our chances of being infected or spreading by taking some simple precautions. Regularly cleaning our hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or washing them with soap and water kills viruses that will air our hands. Maintaining a minimum of

the 1-meter distance between ourselves is mandatory as, when someone coughs, sneezes, or speaks they wouldn't spray small liquid droplets from their nose or mouth which can contain the virus. We must always avoid visiting crowded places as we are more likely to come back into close contact with someone that has COVID-19 and it's tougher to take care of physical distance. We must always avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth, as the hand touches many surfaces and might devour viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose, or mouth. From there, the virus can enter our bodies and infect us. So, we must always take the mandatory precautions required and stay safe.

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JUST IN A **SNAP**

Jan 2020

Life was "normal", where sanitizers were luxury products, shaking hands was cool, namaste was outdated, social distancing wasn't a term yet and masks were ALIENS to people like you and me.

Then came a tiny microscopic germ with ideas borrowed from Thanos and then:

FASTEN YOUR SEATBELTS & FAST FORWARD TO

Sep 2020

Life has a new "NORMAL", where sanitizer is your war against the terror of COVID, shaking hands isn't civilized any more and namaste makes a comeback, masks are the walls around you and a deadly infection with no other thought than to feast on you.

Masks have always been a crucial armour in the war since the Black Death Pandemic Centuries ago.

Masks shelter us from deadly infections and protect your skin and friends. And it's a shame that not all people are equally interested in wearing them.

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రేయి..పగలు..,

ఎండా..వాన ..,

తోడు..నీడ ..,

ఆహారం..నీళ్లు..,

ఇలా ఏది ఉన్నా లేకపోయినా ఎన్ని అడ్డంకులు వచ్చినా మన కోసం మన ఇంటి కోసం కంటికి కనిపించని శత్రువుతో అలుపెరుగని పోరాటం చేస్తూ

మనకి మన శత్రువు ఈ మధ్యన ఒక గోడ లా మారిన పోలీసులకి, వైద్యులకి, పారి శుద్ధ్య కార్మికుల కి వందనాలు వేల వేల వందనాలు తెలుపుతూ...

ఆనాడు కౌరవులతో కురుక్షేత్ర యుద్ధానికి శ్రీకృష్ణుడు రథసారథి అయితే..

ఈనాడు కరోనాతో యుద్ధానికి మన ప్రధాని నరేంద్ర మోడీ గారు రథసారథి అయితే.,

పోలీసులు అశ్వములు వలె దారి ఇస్తుంటే వైద్యులు అర్జునుడిలా బాణాలతో సూక్ష్మజీవిని చంపుతున్నారు..

అమ్మకు పురుడు పోసిన వైద్యుడు అదే తల్లి పుడమికి పునర్జన్మ ఇచ్చేందుకు ప్రాణ ప్రమిదలు అవుతున్నారు.

ఆ నారాయణుడే తలుపులు మూసుకుని తెల్లకోటు వేసుకుని ఒంటరిగా వైద్యుడు రూపంలో పోరాడుతున్నాడు ఏమో ఆ సూక్ష్మంతో..

కంటికి కనిపించని సూక్ష్మ భయపెడుతోంది మనిషిని క్షణం క్షణం..

దీని నుండి మనల్ని కాపాడుతున్నది కంటికి కనిపించని దేవుడు కాదు కంటికి కనిపిస్తున్న దేవుడు...

ఖాకీల లారీ యమ దండం లా మారి.. వైద్యుల సూచనలు శ్రీరామరక్షగా మారి..

ప్రభుత్వ ఉత్తర్వులు ఏ శిలాశాసనం గా మారి..

నిన్ను కంటికి కనిపించని శత్రువు నుండి కాపాడుతున్నాయి అలాంటి నీకు.,

మీ ఇంటి గడపే లక్ష్మణరేఖ..

అమ్మ సంరక్షణే శ్రీరామరక్ష..

BEYOND 19

It's 7:30 in the morning. Soft music is being played in the background. Maya woke up by the alarm's snoozing and started doing her daily chores hurriedly. She needs to be at her workplace by 8:00 am or get chastised by her boss. She got ready in 15 minutes and left the home on an empty stomach. She got stuck in the traffic and was late to her work by 30 minutes. She entered her cabin and got started with her work.

She was called by her boss. Nervous Maya tip-toed to the cabin. Like every other day, she got scolded by her boss for being late. She left the cabin by scolding herself mentally for binge-watching the series until late at night. She entered the cafeteria to have something as she was starving from the morning. She ordered a cup of coffee and a plate samosa. She had those in a hurry as she has lots of work to get done by evening. She got so engrossed in her work that she lost the track of time. Her friend called her for lunch and that's when she realized it's already half-past one. As she woke up late, she didn't have time to prepare lunch. So, again she ordered food and had it. She got back to work and worked until it's done. When she checked her watch, it ticked 5:30. She left for her home and it took an hour to reach due to heavy traffic. As soon as she entered, a pile of unfolded clothes welcomed her. In these metropolitan cities, finding maids who do all the work for a limited salary is very rare. So, she took a nap for some time, completed the unfinished work and took a bath. By that time it's already 8:30 pm. She was already exhausted. So she ordered food, had it and started her binge-watching again. This is how her lifestyle was before this pandemic situation arose.

It's 6:30 in the morning. Soft music is being played in the background. Maya's mother started waking up her daughter. When she checked the time, the wall clock showed 6:30. She requested her mom to let her sleep for some more time for which her mother didn't give in. On her mother's persistence, she woke up. Her father asked her to join him for yoga. As soon as she was done with it, she drank milk and had a bath. Due to this pandemic situation, she got flexible work timings. Her work starts at 9. She was left with half an hour, so had her breakfast, read the newspaper and when it was time, she got engrossed with her work. She got an hour break. So she had a tasty and healthy lunch prepared by her mom. She enjoyed her food with her parents. She took a nap for some time and got started with her work. She was all done by 6:00 in the evening. So, she helped her mom to prepare dinner and tried out some new dishes. All three of them had their dinner together, watched TV, played some indoor games and had a chit chat. By 10:30 all of

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them went to bed. In the initial days, she found it difficult to get adapted to this new lifestyle(which once she followed) but as days rolled on, she got habituated to it. If she wants to binge-watch any shows she does on Saturday and Sunday, her entire family gets engrossed in some newly found habits. This is how her lifestyle changed when she returned to her home because of the lockdown.

Not only Maya, but everyone else's lifestyle had a drastic change in some or the other way. We have been into this for almost 6 months now and we are unsure when this all ends. It takes 21 days to build a habit. So, build a new hobby or long lost hobby which can refresh your minds in this online work/classes' era. We students are one of the most affected people who are being exhausted to the core and mental breakdowns have risen rapidly. This is a situation where we are put to test. So, STAY STRONG AND HEALTHY. It's really important for us to fight back. See this time as an opportunity to know yourself better and to come back strong like how nature is rejuvenating itself. Things are not going to be the same even after this ends. So, we need to be ready to face anything. Take out some time and check on people and assure them that you will be there for them and spend time with your loved ones. Don't be rude to anyone as everyone is fighting a battle unknown to you. It is a tough situation for all of us. Try your best to help out others cause if not we humans, who else will. Don't illtreat the positive teste people because they are all SURVIVORS and they are all an inspiration to all of us and they are the living examples that IN THAT BATTLE OF LIFE, THERE IS NO OPTION FOR RUNNING. YOU FACE THE PAIN AND WIN…

Take necessary precautions while leaving from home and always stay positive.

#stayhome   #staysafe #stayhealthy #staystrong #staypositive

#BLACKLIVESMATTER

Even by my standards, I think people might be aware of everything going on in this world right now. I'm not saying that all of the violence and destruction going on in that country is the right thing to do, but it seems to be the only thing that's getting attention. But, you know, when a white cop decides that it's in his legal jurisdiction to kneel on an unarmed and handcuffed black man's neck for over five minutes until he passes out and then continue to do so for an additional three minutes while a second officer kneels on the man's back and a third officer kneels on the man's legs and a fourth officer stands by and does nothing besides assault bystanders as he pleases, all while the man they are slowly and brutally killing is crying and moaning and saying things like "please", "I can't breathe", then think it's perfectly right to watch a police officer precinct burn to the ground. This is what happens when decades of injustice finally can't be ignored anymore and people are physically unable to continue to stand by and do nothing. Every empire falls eventually. If things don't change, if laws don't change, if society doesn't change, then people will only continue to die every day, murdered by the people who think they have the power to snuff out any life they deem unworthy. This is how injustice dies. In fire and anger. The outright cold-blooded murder of George Floyd is simply the straw that broke the camel's back, not the only cause of the protests. The protests are over systemic institutional racism and police bias in a country built on Colonialism racism. This

is on a national scale. This is like the entire country splitting in half because half of the people demand justice and the other half refuses to be held accountable, and it's been happening since before anyone alive in the world today was born. This straight-up should not be happening in 2020, especially given what's happening to the entire world this year. This should have stopped happening after Emmett Till was pulverized to the point of becoming unrecognizable, this should have stopped happening after a mob of white people burned a black neighbourhood to the ground and sent out postcards advertising "charcoaled negro". This should have stopped happening long before then. It's genuinely, both emotionally and physically, sickening that this is a thing that keeps happening. But there's another thing which is trying to make this happen again, the controversial "All lives matter movement". All lives matter is strictly counteracting the black lives matter movement and it is to push it aside. But technically speaking, if all lives matter to you, then black lives matter shouldn't trigger you. Black lives matter is not an anti-white movement. Feminism is not an anti-men movement. Pride is not an anti-straight movement. This isn't about you. This is for every black child who lives in fear of not seeing the next day and the black parent who lives in fear of their child not making it home from school but having no say either way. This is for every black life that's been lived in ignorance of its importance. Greatness is a very common occurrence. It happens every time my little sister smiles, every time my little brother runs to comb through his dry hair, every opportunity my mother takes to express her love and the very moment a black child realises they matter. This is to serve as a statement of fact- Black Lives Matter. But truly, "matter" is the minimum. Black lives are "worthy", black lives are "loved", black lives are "needed". Treat racism like COVID-19. Assume you have it. Listen to experts about it. Don't spread it. Be willing to change your life to end it. But you know what we, the people of India, are learning from this incident? Speak up when someone is being racist. It might be scary to speak out, but being outraged about something behind closed doors isn't going to help anyone. I've let things slide in the past when I shouldn't have because of the fear of speaking out. But every time we stay silent and don't challenge prejudiced behaviour, we let the oppressor win. It's going to feel scary and it's going to take courage. But to dismantle racism, it's necessary.


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The first few days seemed like fun. They started with me passing time with my new found hobbies. I cooked something or the other, almost every day. I did a lot of craftwork, which included embroidery and crochet. Yes, that was the first one month I think. Then came my online classes and online exams. I thought once I was done with them, I could go back to having fun. But my idea of fun started becoming routine. I started feeling trapped inside. I wanted to get out of these four walls I found myself trapped in. With the rise in the number of COVID cases in India, came a rise in my anxiety. All along I saw other people, people I didn't know, testing positive. People close to me started testing positive now. All of this felt more than real. It all came to me at once. "Okay, people around me are dying. COVID has taken down people I care about. They're not around anymore!"

Covid is beyond my imagination. The day I was packing my bags to leave hostel to be with my family, I thought to myself, "Okay, this is just going to be a week long holiday. I don't have to pack everything!" Turns out its going to last months
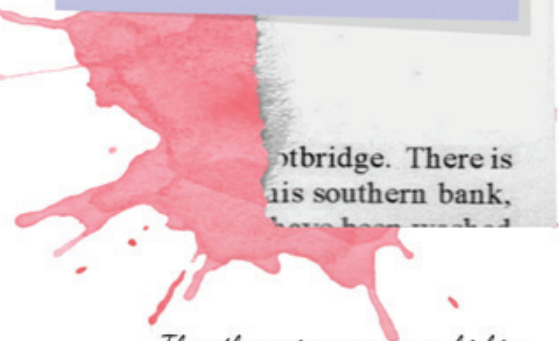
Then the seriousness came kicking right in. I knew I had to keep myself and my family safe. To all the people battling COVID 19. We are together. It is as real as ever. All we have to do is not just think about ourselves but others as well. We never know who has it, we might not get the virus but we might become an asymptomatic carrier and therefore end up giving a few more people the virus. I now know what I should do and I know, "This too shall pass".

Some of the things I do to keep myself distracted. This makes me feel like staying at home more.

Just hang in there a little more!!

Creative 24/7

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THE DISTRACTED **CEO**

In a village, there were two friends named Ravi and Ram. They went to Hyderabad to complete their studies. They both have taken admission in the same college, and they also got enrolled in the same course. They even shared the same room. Both decided to work together. They both have the same habit of eating chicken and drinking wine. They spent the time in their room so happily. After two years they completed their post-graduation and they both got jobs in the same company and now the friends became colleagues. They continued in the same way. After two years, both decided to get married, Ravi married to a woman named Rashi and Ram married to a girl named Pooja. Both friends shifted to their flats. Though both lived under a different roof, the two friends regularly met in a restaurant. A year later, they decided to work abroad to make more money. Ram headed to the USA, whereas Ravi headed to the UK. They have parted ways, making some rules and deciding to follow them strictly, which were not to drink and eat chicken and also to minimize their expenses. Ram and Ravi followed the rules strictly for 1 year and they both started their own companies. They applied for loans and recruited employees. As time flew, Ravi got addicted to alcohol. He thought "I am the CEO of a company, no one is going to stop my success and I am rich now". One year passed by. Ram developed his company. He became the most successful entrepreneur. On the other hand, Ravi's company experienced loss. Finally, on a fine evening, the two friends met at a party. Ravi shared his story and pain. Ram shared his feelings. Ravi asked, "We studied in the same institutions and worked in the same company, but how did you become more successful?". To that, Ram replied, "I followed the rules and regulations we made. Every person has his ambition to achieve and while doing so, he or she will definitely face several distractions like financial status, health, habits, responsibilities etc, which depend on the individual. Once you give up and get distracted, that's it. Life won't give you a second chance. I've also faced so many distractions. But I abided

by the rules we made and had a clear goal to achieve. So, one should never break them. Your life ambitions are greater than your habits, tastier than chicken and costlier than the alcohol. If certain small things are going to destroy your ambitions, you must destroy them and you must skip those small aspects from your life. And that's what I did and it worked. I removed all my small distractions from my life and achieved what I wanted to. Did you do this? Ask yourself and answer yourself."

The party came to an end and they reached their homes. After a few years, Ravi received the best entrepreneur icon of the year award.

Theme: " Change is the law of life."

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SOCIAL DISTANCE
SHOULD NOT BE A
RELATION DISTANCE

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I was living with my son and daughter-in-law after my husband passed away. Every day I used to do all the household chores and take care of my grandchildren and narrate stories during night. This was my everyday routine which kept me content. Due to the COVID pandemic, fortunately, me and my family have taken all the necessary precautions and the days were passing as usual. To my utmost happiness, my son was able to spend time with us, me and my daughter-in-law were helping each other, watching movies and I was having a great time with my family members. One fine day, I started with a bit of a cough and my body temperature was normal and I thought it might be due to the change in climate. The next day, the cough got intense and there was a slight rise in body temperature. Since I didn't want to take any risk, I consulted a doctor and he advised me to go for a test and my biggest fear came true. I was tested positive while my family was tested negative. I was happy that my family was safe. As per the procedure, I was taken to the hospital and nobody was allowed to meet me. I was alone in a room and gradually days were passing with god's grace. To my luck, I was recovering and finally, the day has come and I have tested negative. With immense happiness and wondering about my children, I was tested twice and the report was negative. I was discharged from the hospital and finally reached home. My eyes were filled with excitement to visit my grandchildren after a long period. To my bad fortune, when I knocked on the door, nobody opened the door and the side window was opened. Then, my son came out and told me that I was not allowed inside because they might be infected by me and they don't want to take any risk. Those words shattered me and my eyes welled up with tears. I left from there with a heavy heart, loads of sorrow and loneliness. I thought this pandemic has brought the families together but I realized that it has killed the relations. We can find a vaccine for this disease but not a cure for the mindsets of the people.

I request everyone not to discriminate or distance people who got affected by the virus and are cured luckily. It's not a mistake to suffer from COVID-19. We should maintain a social distance from others but not relation distance from our loved ones.

Vachas

NOW IS ALL THAT IS . . . .

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may be one day

you'll choose to remember

your power

your divinity

your light

it won't be easy

but it'll be worth it

as you heal your wounds

as you shed your skin

piece by piece

you may feel like you're stumbling

as your reality of comfort crumbles

it's messy

it's painful

it's confronting

and incredibly lonely at times

but the moment you

choose to pick up your paintbrush

and paint the colours you like

instead of the colours given to you

a veil will lift

no longer blinded by the

illusion of victimisation

your eyes will open

completely

you may feel scared

scared to taste the freedom

scared to let go

let forgiveness become the source

of fuel that carries you

into the arms of freedom

don't close your eyes again

don't go back to sleep

now is all that is

COVID, CAN WE BE FRIENDS??

(The whole story is going to be in a descriptive conversation mode and it's in Mr. Sam's point of view)

(Sam sat on a bench and he's thinking deep!! & he saw a manly, shining creature coming towards him)

Sam: Come, sit down COVID.

COVID: Why are you not infected by me and aren't you afraid?

Sam: I already had my vaccine, it was all about my will power, immunity, care, and belief I had in me.

COVID: Why am I here and how did I get this avatar?

Sam: We are in a circular surface ground, though our premises are clear the outer ring is filled with 8 domains including you. I am here trapped in all the directions and all these domains' target is to conquer the throne which is miles apart and I am supposed to choose an exit so can we be friends?

COVID: Friends? I am just a virus, why me?

Sam: If we don't start living together I might get, sick, lazy, obese and never get a hands-on experience in anything. Not all the work can be done from home, so I am worried about my studies. I would like to explore things, travel and it's enough to live like a bird in a cage and a fish in an aquarium, and I would like to break the bars, fly high in the sky and dive deep into the oceans. Let's have an understanding and live together. I would like to choose the path you are on and take an exit from this "Ashta Digbandhana".

COVID: But there are still 7 other domains, right? Why did you choose me?

Sam: Hahaha, that's so simple yet complex, let me explain about it. The 7 other domains are "Suicide (Mental illness)", "Women Harassment", "Corruption", "Food scarcity", "Racism", "Climate change" and "Trance".

Let's come to the 1st one: What's your track record of deaths to date? An approximate of 8 lakh? Here in this domain officially 8 lakh people die every year, people go weak and become abnormal with mental illness and the symptoms are loneliness, depression, jobless, hopelessness, and failure.

When you come to the 2nd domain there are many corporate races in the world but there's also a weird race called women harassment and this market has seen a mighty growth throughout the world. Women are being harassed in every aspect and it led to there being only 3 women to every 10 men. We just heard about "Panchali" in our mythology but the population can experience it soon if the same flow continues. There are almost 40,000 women who are being raped every year in just our country and that is only the figures recorded. The only symptom for this domain is lust.

Coming to the 3rd domain let me explain this with an example, once a government official approved a bus travel firm which had a lot of defects, by taking bribes. One day while a class of kids was going on a field trip in one of these buses, suddenly it had a brake failure and the bus fell into a valley. The kids weren't even mature enough to know what happened to them. When they didn't experience at least 10% of the beauty in life, how can their deaths excite them? And what about their parents who didn't just push their generation, but gave birth to dreams, love, and their world. This is trending in every sector and it's leading to millions of deaths every year with the Butterfly

Effect theory. The symptoms of this domain are greed and lack of patience.

While in the 4th Domain, it is interlinked. People who earn a lot waste the food, and the people who are the reason for food die with no money and food. And you know what? Every year 9 million people die of hunger and over 822 million people suffer from undernourishment. Your cases are not even a matchable number in front of these things. The symptoms of this domain are carelessness and lack of humanity.

Coming to the 5th domain people started feeling supremacy over their colour, caste, religion, sex, communities instead of talent, skills, and knowledge. This domain has seen mighty cruel phases and millions of deaths. In this domain, strength wins and loyalty dies. The only symptom for this domain is idiotism.

Coming to the 6th domain people started burning a lot of things, a lot of industrialization happened. Population and temperature are being increased and resources are getting reduced and spoiled, which is leading to the sudden climatic changes and is having a record of over 1,50,000 deaths annually and millions of people are becoming homeless. It is again interlinked with food scarcity. You know what is a good part of this domain? There at least came some stability in nature when you entered the race. The symptoms of this domain are negligence and selfishness.

Coming to the 7th domain, the biggest domain people are getting addicted to, is consuming alcohol, smoking, and narcotics. The youth in many countries love being intoxicated and they are living in trance. People are losing their goals, families, loved ones and they will never know why they are doing it, becoming dangerous species. You know that almost 149 to 271 million people use drugs? The symptoms of this domain are worthless kick and addiction.

So, comparatively, I feel like you are the earth's greatest defender, we ever got. You gave us an option like if we are clean, healthy, and immune enough you are never going to bother us and this is why I would like to choose you and take an exit from this apparent battlefield despite knowing the real cause you were born for or from.

COVID: Wait then, what is that throne which is miles apart?

Sam: Well all the domains have different causes and reasons but all of them are just connected to one single thing, the throne. It is the intersection of all the virtual lines. And it is called with different names in different places, for now let's consider it as "MONEY".

COVID: Well you never answered my question like how and why am I here?

(Sudden Earthquake occurs in the circular ground)

Sam: Wait, what's that? What's happening here!

Sam's Mom: Kid! Kid! Wake up! I got some news which is going to excite you "All the educational institutions are going to reopen in a week despite the pandemic going on and one has to take care of themselves says the government".

(Sam had a smile on his face and he felt that COVID accepted his friend request. A portal to your world welcomes you when you truly feel it from your heart and it will redirect miracles to reality)

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IN QUARANTINE...

A small pause

Wake up in the morning

To sparrow's singing

Quarantine

A relief from being a machine

That word excited our ears

Unaware of the fact that it'll destroy
hard work of years

Inside rose the fear

That illness may be near

Now we are with the family

Taking care of one another carefully

We now laugh happily

Unaware of the pandemic ironically

All we need was a banter

To feel stronger

This pandemic has got the right people
closer

And wrong people farther

It helped us discover inner talents.

Which are the best improvements

The land is going greener

Water bodies turning bluer

Let's take this time of pause

To recover all the loss

Let's rise to be more powerful than
yesterday,

Be more efficient and happy today

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HAPPINESS LAB

VALIDATION

We all depend on someone in one form or the other. We depend on others because we are a social species. We constantly need some or the other kind of validation. As a social species, we require attention and the lack of it could lead to a lot of emotional poundage. It is nice to have the approval of others, but the best way to get a meaningful validation is to respect yourself. At an age where passing comments on people that one does not even know is commonplace, it is easy to pass comments on something and it might not affect you in any way, but the person getting that comment might be going through a social trauma.

In the COVID era, where everyone is at home, basically jobless, cyberbullying has gone up by 70% between March and April this year and the worst part of it all, you do not even know that you are the reason behind someone's trauma. I hope everyone understands that those 10 seconds of your time you target someone, you do not realize you could affect them to such an extent that they go down a path of self-doubt and depression. For people who thrive on validation, if you depend on someone to build you, always remember that they also do have the power to break you down. You do not need their validation to know your worth. Seeking validation will keep you trapped. You do not need anyone or anything to approve your worth. When you understand this, you will be FREE. The pressure to be socially accepted and celebrated can be too much to handle and can adversely affect your self-esteem. You do not need the validation of those who say that you must be a certain way to be socially accepted. You are walking your path and you will walk in the direction that your heart tells you to. Who knows, one day you might fly too.

Love yourself.

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BEFORE AND AFTER

COVID-19

It's very common in human life to visit shopping malls, movie theatres, dining at restaurants, celebrating birthdays with friends, going for a holiday trip, working out in a gym, and family visits.

Have you ever imagined all of a sudden these could be stopped?

Yes, the world has stopped all its regular activities and chose a new pathway to run people's lives. Those who complained about the growing mismatch of income to spiralling expenses are in for a pleasant surprise of drastic reduction of their expenses due to lifestyle changes brought in by COVID. Recently a senior IT professional friend of mine said that almost all their clients are happy and pleading to continue working at home forever. May be with imminent danger of salary reduction or losing jobs, employees are over contributing, being extra cautious and filled with a lot of gratitude. What a positive change by a minuscule virus!

As far as we are concerned the salaried sector, education sector, medical sector, corporate sector used to rob close to 50% of their income. Not any more.

The education sector has faced many changes in this pandemic from a whiteboard, benches, morning prayers paradigm to a complete digital version, online classes, online courses, etc.

Cinema halls, reality shows, events involving gatherings, public meetings will become increasingly difficult to sustain and pave the way for DTH releases of movies, virtual events and meetings. And to avoid social gatherings and to save money and time, an old but impressive method has been applied in every single home, that is online shopping.

While the writings on the wall are crystal clear, it's time to focus on hygiene, masking, washing, social distancing to sustain our life and skill development for professional growth. It's going to be the world of those who are ready to adapt faster and become clever enough to learn new skills.

#StayHome   #StaySafe   #StayHealthy

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REALIZE, AT LEAST NOW!

People fail to understand that girls are humans too. A family is incomplete without women, yet girls are still not privileged to have their independence. Have you ever wondered what will happen to the life of a girl after being assaulted? The family will be devastated and will be given no other choice but to lay restrictions on the girl. They will lose their voice. The mental trauma the girl and her family will go through is intense and hard to overcome. The conservative and narrow-minded society will start to point fingers at her character and therefore, the family will be obliged to put an end to the girl's aspirations. Things will take a spin in the aftermath and life changes drastically. That one grave incident will attack her with feelings of guilt, self-blame and shame. The trauma will surface in the form of nightmares, flashbacks, and haunts her for years to come.

Are the consequences as hard for boys? Not really. Has society taught boys to respect women enough? Has any parent ever told their son how a girl faces problems? Why do we still follow this patriarchal society?

The girl loses her self-esteem, self-worth and confidence and it is quite difficult to just sacrifice her dreams and agree to her parent's orders. She will no longer be permitted to lead her life in the way she always wanted. This abuse not only affects one girl and her family, but also millions of families who have daughters. The fear will live in the hearts of the parents forever.

To abuse a girl or force her, or harass her is a crime. Men all over the world, please, girls also have a life to live. Let them live. Let them touch the stars of the sky. Every creation of God is sent to this earth with a purpose, but it is surely not to become a criminal or get attacked. A family, a generation, even this mighty world is built with the coexistence of men and women.

Let's put a halt to sexual assault.

Velaga Valentina
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A DOMESTIC **ENGINEER**

Alongside the work a father does, the work a mother does is also considered supreme. She is responsible for converting the bread he earns to food. She is expected to keep the house clean and shiny always. She has to meet all the expectations of everyone in the household. The kids go to school to gain some knowledge and the father goes to work to earn some money but the mother stays at home. What does she do all day? She cleans up after our mess. She washes all our dirty rags. She makes us a tasty meal by the time we are home. She may take a little break when we are all away.

But can she take a break anymore? Are we away anymore? The kids get busy with their online classes. The father gets busy with his work from home. All along she cleaned up after the mess we made the previous night but now she has to clean up after us 24/7. She also has to continue cooking and washing rags. She still has to make the house look spotless. She has to do all of this, all the while enduring extra familial pressure.

She supports her kids emotionally. Whenever her child is upset, she will be the first to figure it out. She makes sure she gives her children all the support and encouragement they need.

Although her husband has an issue with work, she makes sure that she is there for him. Giving him all the love and support he needs she makes him feel safe and strong again. But who gives her the support, love and encouragement she requires to go about the day? Who makes her feel safe and who says reassuring things to her?

Mothers play a benevolent role in their child's life, from carrying them in their wombs, till their last breath. She is the superhero of her child's life. She changes their dirty diapers, tolerates their tantrums, sits through parent-teacher meetings, and deals with their adolescent mood swings. They are always expected to be equipped to deal with every kind of situation and this lockdown had no exception. They tend to spend hours in the kitchen just so they can make something the family would like because they're all at home.

Yes, they don't serve millions. Yes, they don't get mentioned in the newspapers for their unrewarded service to the home and hearth. But they are the ones keeping it all together, inside the homes of millions of families in the world. They do not probably have a great role on screen but they play a vital role behind all our picture-perfect happy moments. They never ask for anything in return and slowly all the great things they have ever done for us become forgotten.

To all the mothers out there, we can never thank you enough.

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The Bond Between Family and Friends

One of my friends asked me to write about the bond between family and friends and I agreed to the proposal. So, I sat to jot down my thoughts. I got into a dilemma whether to start with family, as they are the ones who welcomed me into this world, or with friends because they are the ones who welcomed me into their worlds. Family creates and moulds a person completely. It is a precious world where you find love in mom's tears, concern in dad's scolding, care in brother's teasing, tenderness in sister's complaints. As we eventually grow up, we are introduced to the second world which is filled with 'Friends'. In this world, we come across a lot of introverts, silent killers, crazy thinkers, sensitive carers, etc. where we find love in all aspects including the way they tease us. What if a question haunts you, "If both family and friends love you, then whom are you going to choose among them?"

In my point of view, I would be in a dilemma. Choosing one will lead to losing the other. Family and friends are a heartbeat to one's life. If a family doesn't exist, we won't exist. If friends do not exist, we may fail to know the real world.

If a family doesn't support at the hardest times of our lives, then we won't be able to understand the correct paths in our decision making.

If friends do not support us in the crucial time, then we won't be aware of how to lead a life.

According to me, separating family and friends is equivalent to disconnecting your heart and mind.

We all know, the heart and the mind are always together although they won't listen to each other's words. But in the end, compromise themselves and keep moving as long as they are in existence. In the same way, family and friends cannot have the same mindset, but in the end, they are an inseparable part of human life. Without their dependence on each other, life on Earth is highly impossible. Although the word impossible says 'I M Possible', it is proven wrong when it comes to the relation between family and friends.

Never lose your relations either with family or with friends, because once you leave one, the rest will automatically disappear and we will be left alone.

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OVERTHINKING LIT A FIRE

I have an episode from my quarantine edition which I really want to share with all readers. In the evening, my house was filled with people, neither my family had thrown a party nor was it a festival, but still people were coming and were leaving from my house. My mom with full energy was cooking hot sizzling aloo pakodas and I was serving a hot cup of tea with biscuits, dad was having a great talk about his work chores and cracking jokes to which no one was laughing. My brother was engaging the kids who were roaming around. I was helping my mom as she was putting pakodas in oil where my duty was to put the hot golden pakodas into a plate and serve people.

My mom got tired so she thought of taking a break. Since my mom was taking rest, I was having some crazy thoughts as I was coming outside the kitchen. I had a glass of water, pulled a chair and sat keeping one leg on another, and went into the imaginary world. (As I am a great over-thinker). Everyone was outside the house where my mom maintained her organic farm, full of roses and evenly trimmed grass and some beautiful chairs to comfort the guests so they can enjoy the cool evening breeze. I was alone inside the house. Suddenly I heard a great noise, "Fire! Save my child!". I was stuck inside the house, I saw the reflection on a steel vessel, a dark red-coloured flame on the cooking vessel. I went inside the kitchen, switched off the stove, closed the nob of the gas cylinder, separated the cylinder pipe from the cylinder, and the craziest thing, I shifted the remaining pakodas from the tissue paper to a vessel and stood there. I started thinking about "What if I am burnt off", "what if I won't live", "is my life done", "am I still alive?", "what if I am alive and my face got burnt?". Meanwhile, the ashes started spreading all over the kitchen. Black smoke was generated, I was feeling suffocated, I started eating the remaining pakodas thinking those were my last pakodas of my life. My dad came, pushed me out of the kitchen. I could see my mom crying. She slapped me and asked, "Why didn't you turn off the stove before?". The guests were shaking me to check if I got wounded or not. My face was like a black mask. And my brother ran and hugged me. I was not crying. I was in shock. I wasn't afraid at all. A fire extinguisher was brought to stop the fire. They told me I was brave enough, that I stopped the cylinder or else the house would have burnt to the ground. I didn't hear that appreciation. My ears could hear my heartbeat. I was still munching the pakoda which was in my mouth.

Today I am alive, by god's grace. Then I realized food is my life. I can't live without food. After everything got sorted out, immediately I asked my mom that I needed some more pakodas. In that situation, I thought my mom would slap me again, but it was a surprise after cleaning everything she again made some sizzling pakodas.

So, after a crazy episode, I understood that over-thinking lit a fire.

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LIFE IS
HOW YOU OVERSEE IT

If we keep on constantly worrying and fretting about the consequences, keeping all the mental processes occupied with questions like "Will I pass the exam?", " Will I overcome bad times?", we'd drift far away from the main course. Worry only about the improvisation of the path you choose.

People come across our path and add some colours. Don't look for others to come and pat on your shoulder every time.

Life isn't the same all the time. It's all about how you motivate yourself and oversee, whenever you experience hard times. We still stay in the dilemma that repeats every time. We have to accept it and move positively towards future aspirations.

Don't panic when situations are unfavourable to you. They bring out the strength in you and introduce the new you.

It's all about how you oversee your life but not how others see your life.
Life is behind colours and your imagination.
Explore as much as you can.
At the end of the day,
It is you who is going to taste the bitterness or the sweetness of your memories.

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SURVIVING
WITH A BIGGER HEART

During this COVID-19 Pandemic situation, we were sleepless the night we heard about the outbreak of Coronavirus in India and decided that no one should panic even if they have a mild symptom of COVID-19 unless they test positive. We wanted them to stay assured and decided to develop this web app.

We designed a web application voluntarily, called "www.checkcovidnow.com", which acts as Intelligence technology to track the COVID-19 cases with My Smart Web app. We proactively helped in tracking 700+ positive cases across India and helped their communities from not being affected by COVID-19. Nearly 50,000+ people have taken the test.

We brought many innovations and best practices for public awareness, created a young talented team of 100 Volunteers working remotely and on-field on IEC (Information, Education, Communication) activities such as

- Home Sanitization tips

- Awareness on mask usage

- Social Distancing marks

- 3D Corona stop boards

- Introduced Ministry of AYUSH herbal tea for Immunity boosting.

- Designed LED Vehicles in promoting social awareness about COVID-19 safety measures.

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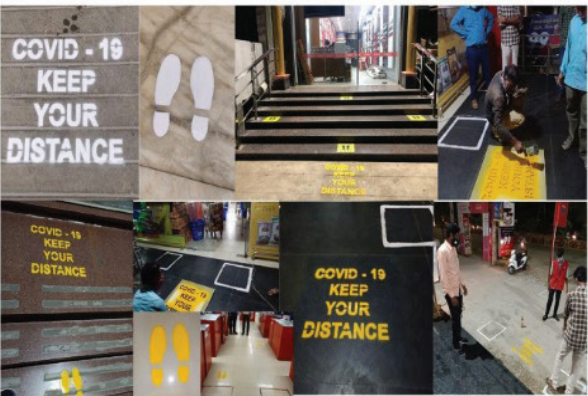
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It is said good quality is never old-fashioned and is always rewarding. Since its inception, KL has had high standards in every aspect. The University is known for its excellence in teaching, research, applying knowledge, imparting values, stimulating creativity and igniting innovation. KL strives to provide the best for its community and in turn the society.

KL has never missed an opportunity to prove and showcase its scintillating talent and true potential. It is constantly progressing and has won numerous accolades and awards of recognition down the lane. It has set record benchmarks in many ways in the realm of university academia.

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With all this glory attained, we are now extremely delighted to share with you the news of another feather added to the University's cap. KL is categorized as 'Band A' institution (rank between 06-25) in the category of 'University & deemed to be University (Private-Self-Financed)' in Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievement (ARIIA) 2020 announced on 18 Aug 2020 by AICTE & MHRD, MHRD's Innovation Cell.

This is also very crucial as it exhibits the ability and innovation of the University in terms of delivering and maintaining the academic curriculum in high standards even in these times of turmoil. The University has designed and devised the curriculum in such an exquisite manner such that none of its students faces any hindrances in pursuing their Academics.

We know for sure that all of this is possible only by a united and well-coordinated effort of each and everyone associated with the University put together. We heartily congratulate the Management, all the students, staff & faculty for this. We profusely thank every individual who was key behind this success.

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KL UNIVERSITY - 1
COVID-0

K L University is playing a key role in the response to the coronavirus crisis through cutting-edge technologies and pioneering approaches to learning. Over the past couple of months, our university has quickly moved to taking more strategic decisions in terms of innovating, moving their programs online, training staff to deliver course curriculum in new ways, and creating an entirely new student experience. While some faculty members already had competencies in online or remote teaching in four areas namely live streaming, pre-recorded teaching sessions, facilitating discussions in a digital platform, and providing assessment and receiving feedback, much background preparation still had to be done to get academic staff, students and infrastructure ready for lessons to transition seamlessly into online learning. Our faculty attempted to use polls and quizzes to engage learners. However, maybe the most important challenge of all of them all has been an admission of students amid a global pandemic. But K L University pivoted to sustain admissions by implementing entrance as well as semester exams through the online mode with no space of malpractice happening. It doesn't end there. K L University loves challenges as it believes that it is during the tough times, the true power of one comes out.

University Innovation Fellows of K L University organized a Virtual Freshman Welcoming Event, Week Of Welcome (WOW) an Introductory Programme for the Freshmen Engineering Department (First Year) students to give them a warm welcome. This programme played a significant role in bridging the gap between the University and students by hosting a virtual campus tour to discover spaces in the comfort of the homes while giving the students an overview of all the facilities and infrastructure in our university processes. This programme focused to throw a vivid light on every possible aspect of our University. The goal was to connect students to the university and fill them with a positive impact. The focus was on the Class of 2024 which we believe is the new beginning and building up an era of digital classes. This boosted their creative impulse and confidence around campus, promoting a delightful campus life.

With the commencement of the new academic year, our students are in the process of planning not simply the academic calendar but also cultural activities, to take place virtually! Yes, you read it right. Although the idea of hosting fests virtually may sound next to impossible in the current scenario, students of our university made it a grand success by taking an immense effort to recreate the same fervour in a virtual set-up by organizing, India's biggest online cultural fest,

K L Surabhi, which aims at celebrating the rich cultural diversity of India! This platform encouraged and promoted the talents of students and artists of the country. It is important to remember these changes are temporary. At some point, the coronavirus pandemic will be over and life will return to normal. However, the innovation which the university brought as a whole, during this time, has undoubtedly paved a pathway on the other side with stronger technology solutions and student support systems that will serve them for decades to come. Therefore, it would be fair enough to say that K L University has come up with flying colours by Innovating Education and Educating for Innovation.

DESIGN ORIENTATION FOR ENGINEERING
REDEFINING ENGINEERING-EDUCATION TO HANDLE
THE CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE

Engineering Education has taken a big blow due to the lockdown as it is one of the fields that require the learners to work hands-on with hardware and software tools. Also, engineers have to collaborate in doing projects that address the concerns of society. Typical Engineering course gives equal weightage to theory and lab components. With the chances of resuming face-to-face classes in the immediate future become bleak, budding engineers and institutes struggle a lot to keep the momentum alive. With the autonomous institutes trying their best to introduce innovations in making engineering an interesting option, they fall short in realizing an aspect which is really important to attract students towards engineering and get them the right kind of opportunities in the future amidst the disruption caused by the pandemic.

With the kind of job scenario prevailing due to the pandemic and the new normal scenario of the future, innovation plays a vital role in bringing the job opportunities back on track

Budding Engineers must be innovative enough in identifying the problems of the future and be ready to resolve them through emerging technologies. Like the technology-enabled online hyperlocal marts have made the lives of people easy during the pandemic, there should be thousands of use cases that are unaddressed so far. This is primarily due to the lack of confidence and innovation in the minds of our engineering graduates. The prime culprit here is the way engineering is taught in colleges these days. To overcome this issue, the engineers should view the world through the eyes of a designer to clearly understand the challenges and opportunities lying ahead of them. This would in turn benefit them as well as the society.

Design Thinking is the most important aspect of engineering which is hardly given any importance by the universities and colleges. Very few universities abroad and some Indian universities have thought of giving Design Orientation for Engineering. With the kind of job scenario prevailing due to the pandemic and the new normal scenario of the future, innovation plays a vital role in bringing the job opportunities back on track. New challenges emerge amongst the crisis which require the young minds to identify them and convert them into opportunities. Design Orientation helps the Engineers realize the problem and its context and help them think out of the box solutions towards addressing the problems. The first step in any engineering process is to understand the problem that has to be addressed. This may happen either by interacting with the customers, in case a customer-led problem or identifying through observation of the scenario. The second method is more apt in the days to come as the pandemic has disrupted the way the business has been before. The needs or priorities of the customers have changed a lot that requires a lot of observation to identify suitable solutions for the same. This situation has opened a galore of business opportunities for the jobless youth of the country. But all that is required now is to create a design mindset for the learners which can better be done through the introduction of Design Thinking for the learners at a very early stage of Engineering. This subject must be offered most practically for the

learners to enable them to think about the various methods of addressing real-world problems. The subject should give exposure to the various stages of the Design Thinking process right from Empathize to Unveiling the product to the end-users. The primary skills associated with the subject like communication, collaboration, presentation, etc. should be taught at the early stage of engineering so that the learner understands the purpose of engineering and gets aligned to it. In addition to the design subjects offered, the institutes must realize the importance of the design component in all the engineering subjects and should enable the learner to think in terms of using the knowledge gained through the subject in designing innovative solutions.

Design Thinking as a subject should focus on enabling the problem-solving mindset to the learners. It should give confidence to every engineering graduate in solving real-life problems through technology. The emerging domains like education, health care, energy and environment have a lot of challenges that are yet to be addressed. Even though these challenges seem to be very trivial in nature, designing a long-lasting solution needs a lot of studies, ideation and testing. For example, the education sector needs to revamp as it was not well prepared for the pure online learning mode before. New innovative approaches that engage the learner in day to day activities must be introduced rather than just a one-way boring lecture. The use of AR/VR technologies is highly relevant in the prevailing situation as it is quite easy to embed them in the video content delivered to the learners rather than showing them in a face-to-face classroom session.

Design Thinking should also support collaboration among the students to be the critic of their work and bring in more innovative ideas to the table. The subject should also train the learners to convert their ideas into prototypes (small working model) to visualize the product they are planning to build. Also, it enables them to benchmark their understanding of the problem with that of the customer needs and help them refine their product better. The other important area where our engineers lack in is the business model around the problem they are addressing. Unless a product or service is made to self-sustain in the long run, it hardly creates any impact on the customers. Students should be made to understand the dynamics of cost and return of investment so that the product sustains in the market and becomes successful. Designing for the environment is also another key factor that must be addressed to build products or solutions that have the least impact on the environment. Altogether, Design Thinking and Design orientation for the subjects of engineering is the need of the hour to address the societal issues through technology.

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UIF - WOW

With physical events set to remain on hold for some time yet, with the use of video tools soaring, people are finding new ways to connect, in replacement of major events and conferences. With the outbreak of the Coronavirus and stay-at-home orders around the world, virtual events have become the only way forward for the next few months — and likely into next year.

University Innovation Fellows is an international program of Stanford University's Hasso Plattner Institute of Design and created as part of the National Center for Engineering Pathways to Innovation grant from the National Science Foundation. The goal of the University Innovation Fellows (UIF) program is to empower students to be agents of change at their respective schools.

Team KL University Innovation Fellows together with all the clubs and the student bodies organizes"WOW - Week Of Welcome" for First-year engineering students.

Week Of Welcome (WOW) is an Introductory Programme for the Freshmen Engineering Department (First Year) students to give them a warm welcome. This programme plays a vital role in bridging the gap between the University and students. This programme is focused to throw a vivid light on every possible aspect of our University. Our goal is to connect students to the university and fill them with a positive impact. We want to provoke discussion about the program and raise awareness about the Class of 2020 - the new beginning, a new online era of digital classes.

Along with bringing a very close experience of our university to all our freshman students, we also introduced them to several new social platforms, online tools and trending technologies. This time we've introduced them to "Discord" a freeware instant messaging and VoIP application and digital distribution platform designed for creating communities ranging from education and businesses.

We also took students to an amazing experience of Campus Prowl using AR/VR technology by giving them a 360° view of our campus.

Collaboration with Progate - an online learning platform made all our freshman students feel easy and

exciting about online programming and coding.

Alumni Talks, Industry Connects and Club Expo brought students much more close to our college environment and enhanced their future scope.

Closing the electrified session on Entrepreneurship + Entertainment featuring Film Director Tharun Bhasscker, all the students enjoyed the whole event through a fun learning process.

This virtual welcoming event enlightened, entertained and educated our freshman students along with a magnanimous 20k+ real-time views together for two days.

Nothing can replace meeting people in-person, but depending on goals in attending such events, maybe, we will be re-thinking a new approach moving forward. One such new innovative approach from Team UIF is WoW'2020.

PLACEMENT
IN SPITE OF PANDEMIC

COVID-19 has put every plan on hold, but KL University conquered new heights in placements. This is some kind of positivity evolved even in this pandemic situation. There are many whose final goal is to get a job. So, we all are worried about it, but our placement cell understood and valued our feelings and they took all that stress to make us comfortable by giving online training.

Virtual learning poses a challenge to both faculty and students but administration and faculty made things so easier for us. Two-way communication gives the best result always, whenever a student gets doubt, faculty clarifies immediately and provides reference links to give more understanding. Management and faculty are tracking the report of students to make sure everybody is progressing. Through e-learning, they're giving their best to the students. Companies that are looking to hire new employees changed their plans and it affects most of the freshers. All are worried as most firms have postponed recruitment, for the time being, but KLU didn't fail to provide opportunities to the outgoing batch. Everyone around is affected and facing their part of stress. On this note, we should highly appreciate faculty for putting all the efforts in these hard times. Our college has provided many new learning programs to enhance our skills during this lockdown. We must be thankful to the placement cell who are regularly updating us with every detail and pattern of exams that is possible during these ongoing conditions and also for making the virtual classes more interactive. Placement cell provided us with many mock tests to make students comfortable with the online exams. It has taught "NEVER STOP LEARNING BECAUSE LIFE NEVER STOPS TEACHING". When negative is the most positive thing in 2020, by taking away all our negativity and filling us with will power, they made us achieve our goals.

Interview - 1

Vachas: First of all, congratulations on being placed. So, how many companies are you selected in and what are they?

Anand: Thank you. I was selected for 3 companies; Wipro, cognizant and optum.

Vachas: That's great. So, people are all so confused which language would help them and also whether having a thorough knowledge of one language is more helpful or having a piece of basic knowledge on two or three is. What do you suggest?

Anand: Regarding that, in colleges, they teach specific language basics. Like, they teach us c and java. I rather say it is not about how many languages you know, it is how many concepts you know among them. Most of the industries don't use c, java or any language they teach in engineering colleges. Once you go out, you work for them with different languages and different basics. So, the import thing is object-oriented programming. So, concentrate more on this and its applications. Have a clear idea on that and even if you're proficient in one language, be completely aware of it.

Vachas: How important it is to have a good resume to bring into an interview?

Anand: Don't make it too long but keep it precise and on point. My idea of a resume is keeping it simple. The important part is about your skills, like what skills you acquired in your graduation period and from your projects. As far as I can see, they are quite enough to be highlighted in your resume. Also, don't always stick to the generic resume templates but be creative. The panellists when they sit there, they will go through resumes day in and day out, so once they see a difference, then it is obvious that you're outsmarting the others. That means you're not sticking to the basics but you're like an intellectual and they'll be impressed seeing you trying to be different from others. The way you present your resume is the way you present yourself.

Vachas: We get it. Is internship important for a graduate? For future studies or job interviews?

Anand: Basically, it differs from company to company. If we consider a product based company, an internship isn't a big deal since they train you as per their requirements. But when we get to these service companies like Wipro, cognizant and all, doing an internship in those companies will help you drastically because they train you in many aspects and make you industry-ready. So, if you're selected in both types of companies, I would suggest you select the services company and grab that opportunity. Since in final year there is not much to do in college, I suggest you take that opportunity and get a knowledge of things industrially. Also, those aspects are not taught in the university and we don't have access to learn them outside. Whether you're going to continue in that company or going abroad for your further studies doesn't matter, just take the ball when it's still in your court.

Vachas: Hard work or smart work? In your opinion, which is better?

Anand: I would say smart work. To be honest, I'm lazy and I'm not interested in doing multi-tasks. Even if we consider it generally, it is good to work smart. Like, taking the task which we are given and doing it as they said is different and the ability to do the task as we prefer is different. So, smart work, always.

Vachas: What are your suggestions for your juniors?

Anand: The most common trouble I notice is that people tend to be demotivated when they don't make it in the interview, I say they should not be affected by that. More than our conscience, what will parents say? Or what will they think? these things go through our mind. So, I would say, if they're failing and feeling like they're demotivated, then just don't inform your parents and always be confident in yourselves. And while in an interview, there is no reason to panic. It is always one in many opportunities. Also, in an interview keep it simple and speak to an extent you're comfortable only. Don't go touching multiple aspects but be on point. All they look for is confidence and the way you present yourself. Our knowledge will never be equal to their competence and work experience. There will always be something new, so all you have to be is confident. Always learn to let go.

Vachas: So, in what way do you think this pandemic will affect on or off-campus placements?

Anand: I don't think that'll affect most of the people, but for certain firms, it does. The technology moves on, the world moves on. During this pandemic, there are a lot of companies pushing their work virtually. They are not delaying anything and you can always work as a freelancer. You don't have to have a company tag or anything, you're always free and can earn more and put up your own working hours, schedules, etc. So, don't always consider a job opportunity as prestige or something. You should be having skills and you should be doing a job you love, only this matter. Even if you sit at home for a few months and be perfect in your study, you'll always have a new opportunity.

Vachas: So, how much do you rate yourself on a scale of 10 for your coding skills?

Anand: I would say 7.

Vachas: Other than coding, is there a better career option for a computer science engineering student? What do you think?

Anand: Obviously. I would say this because coding is a backend job. There are always plenty of things to do. Even in the coming days, there is automation coming forward and in most of the automation scenarios, there is not much coding, so there are many options other than coding.

Vachas: Who is your inspiration and what personality trait in that person inspires you the most?

Anand: Well, my dad is my inspiration. He's the reason for my confidence and he always motivates and encourages me. He never gives up on me and that makes me never give up on anything else. He makes me believe that there's always a reason to fight for it.

Vachas: That's great having a person who never gives up on you. How should our interview etiquette be?

Anand: Always be confident. Also, I know it is easy to say that when we're not in their shoes, but there are reasons to be confident, there are multiple other options waiting for us in the future and multiple opportunities coming our way. It is not the place to be nervous but a place you should show your confidence. Don't feel bad for losing the job, because it is not meant for you. Personally, I experienced it, I skipped all my first interviews but when I started taking them, I made it to the hr round and I was always losing it, but I didn't think much about it, because I know if they didn't take me, that means they don't need me. So, if they don't need me, I don't need that job too.

So, if they need you, then they'll automatically pick you. So, you should always keep that type of mindset. Also, always maintain good eye contact and smile frequently. Make them hear what you have to say because once they start to hear you, they'll stop asking questions. As time goes by, they'll be more than satisfied with you.

Vachas: What do you want to tell or suggest students taking the CRT training right now?

Anand: Focus more on your skills than the training. Firstly, you should be perfectly prepared for the question, "tell me about yourself". Everyone is more prepared for the technical round questions or the HR round questions, but even the technical person asks you this question. Generally, when they ask that question, people don't know what to say. There will be two reasons, either they honestly don't know or they are over-prepared. Like, they'll be searching all over the internet for the best answer. Stop doing that. Talk to your inner voice and find yourself so that you'll have a standard answer, your answer. Prepare yourself to not be generic. I've seen so many people saying that they're flexible or they are adaptive, instead, you can say that you admire change or not afraid of change and prove it by telling them certain situations where you changed and tell them you embraced that moment. It conveys the same meaning, but both are at a different level. Train yourself to be unique because skills are common, personality isn't. Our college always gave us templates for the interview, but I never used them. Had it cost me an interview? I don't know. Even if it does, I don't care, because I never wanted to be one in many. I trained myself to be different.

Vachas: How did the projects you completed helped you during the interview?

Anand: As I mentioned earlier, it should be about your skills. Always mention the skills that you gained from the projects and don't keep anything additional. Because even if you learned a skill, but never implemented it, then it adds a negative point to your resume. Also, most of the people in the panel concentrate less on your technical questions, but more on your resume. So, when you're mentioning projects having less programming skills, you need to be able to tell them about it with more details. Let them know that you worked hard and referred many things for that project because once you're in the industry you'll be working on only projects, so they'll be looking into what kind of a person we are, like, how much effort you can put in, what all you are trying to gain from it, how far you can learn about it. So, once you explain the project in-depth, it will create a positive expression for them. At least be thorough about the projects mentioned in the resume and be able to explain about them in detail.

Vachas: So, what are your goals in the future?

Anand: I think this is the most typical question out of all. So, as far as I am concerned, for now, I don't have a goal and I'm not at all ashamed of it. I'm confused and don't know what to do.

Vachas: Are you planning for higher studies in the future?

Anand: I'm not clear right now. I believe once the pandemic is over, I can have the time to rethink and make my decision. Once I'm in the corporate and company environment, based on that I'll think about it later.

Vachas: Thank you for your cooperation and your valuable suggestions. We are glad we interviewed you today. Have a great day.

Anand: Thank you. I hope this interview will help my fellow juniors and I hope they succeed in whatever they do.

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Interview - 2

Vachas: Hello Hiranmayee! I'm from Vachas, here to take your experiences of getting placed as a fresher for KL Horizon's Placement Panorama, where an exemplary student's story and struggle behind achieving placement is featured every term. First of all, hearty congratulations on your achievement! How about beginning with a quick introduction?

Hiranmayee: Thank you! This is Hiranmayee Panchangam, graduated with B. Tech in CSE in the year 2020. I'm also a former editor of Horizon and former member of the Vachas Club. I got placed in an illustrious technical training firm after my graduation and have been working from home for the last few months because of the COVID Pandemic. I hope all the readers are staying safe too.

Vachas: What kind of preparatory activities were you occupied with, during the entire process of getting placed?

Hiranmayee: Initially, during my 6th semester, I've been selected for the PEGA training sessions as I've scored well in my very first assessment. Most of the questions were asked on Aptitude, English and Basic Programming, after which out of 6000 applicants, only 200 were selected. Being one among them gave me a surge of pride, as it is one of the most recommended training facilities. But I still knew I wasn't satisfied with what I found, and fixated on the aim of going for higher studies.

I've started my preparation for GRE and after a short span of 15 days, I've scored 303 out of 340 which is considered a good score and also scored 7 points in IELTS. It is at this point of time that I've begun trying to apply for various universities abroad for my higher studies. Though I was a student in the Computer Science stream, I've always wanted to pursue a course that would let me expand my horizons into the field of Business Studies. This conflict used to give me quite a hard time and I've eventually quit the training sessions to focus solely on my prospects of beginning my higher education abroad.

Vachas: Is the prevalent pandemic the reason behind you disavowing your wish to go for higher studies?

Hiranmayee: Yes. The situation has worsened in over a period of 2 months and it seemed like the only option. But getting delayed doesn't take any zeal away and I'd keep looking for opportunities as time passes.

Vachas: So without any placement training sessions taken in particular, how have you managed to succeed in such a competitive game of getting placed?

Hiranmayee: With my primary plan being halted with the offset of the pandemic, I've resumed focusing on my placement opportunities. Though I haven't been professionally trained for the purpose, I've worked online for many certifications which benefitted me a lot in building my profile. What also helped me were the 4 internships I've pursued earlier, as I've grown more knowledgeable

in the domains of research too. Consequently, I've received around 7-8 jobs through hiring sites and made my choice thoughtfully. Also, the curriculum at KL helps a student acquire many skills that would prove to be useful during the time of placements.

Vachas: Can you brief us about the process of hiring you underwent?

Hiranmayee: The preliminary step in the entire scenario of hiring is undergoing the Technical round, where the applicants will be asked basic questions regarding programming languages, which would not take a lot of effort to be answered correctly if one is strong in basics. The selected ones would go on to have a Group Discussion and subsequently an interview, which can be cracked if you go in with a good resolve and confidence in expression.

Vachas: Though not as emphasized as building skills, how important a role can CGPA play?

Hiranmayee: CGPA cannot be undermined even in the slightest way possible, but as people have come to acknowledge in recent years, CGPA is not the only decisive factor in getting you placed. Skills are extremely important and the belief that you can quickly inculcate one gives your capability to the recruiter. But it really would not matter a lot, even if you don't have an extraordinary grade sheet on the table. However, when it comes to higher education, which is strongly recommended for a student these days, CGPA definitely plays a part in getting you admitted and getting scholarships.

Vachas: How much emphasis would you put on having good communication skills for this purpose?

Hiranmayee: Soft Skills are extremely important and the one good at them gets an edge over the rest who aren't. I personally have seen some instances of technically sound individuals not making the cut just because they weren't that effective in communication. So I put heavy emphasis on that aspect.

Vachas: What extracurricular activities were you a part of when in college?

Hiranmayee: I've been a part of Vachas and KL Radio, hosting many shows and actively contributing to the growth of these institutions. I've also been a FOCUS Core member and a part of many fests organized in KL, sometimes playing a major role in the conduction.

Vachas: How did they help you in your success?

Hiranmayee: When I was in my 1st year, the only aim I had was to get placed in a company and settle for an adequate job. But after my gradually increasing involvement in such activities, I grew as a person. I started getting aware of the myriad possibilities life holds for one associated with and outside academia. When you meet many kinds of people, your horizons expand and wisdom gets built. This is indirectly a major path to success in the professional world, as it also exists in corporate ethics. I had a good academic record on my chart, but it is after participating in these activities that I realized what life had in store for me. I have had an overall development process since then. I have also been an NSS Volunteer, as I believe empathy is the way of life. I've had wonderful experiences during the activities I've been a part of and learnt a lot about life indeed.

Vachas: What or who inspired you in the process?

Hiranmayee: In 4 years of my college life, I've met many students who proved it is possible to be good at more than traits, but you don't need to be perfect at everything available under the sun. They've shown me that with hard work and skill, one can excel in any field they set foot in. I am very fortunate for having interviewed an actor one day, who was in the initial stages of his career back then, but made it big in the industry now. I once interviewed a professional singer, who is one of the proud alumni of KL. Those kinds of experiences lent me a perspective. I now believe that one

must be brave enough to explore beyond the conventions if there exists a self-belief that one can succeed. Because at the end of the day, every career is remarkable and one should choose what suits him or her.

Vachas: What kind of pressure have you experienced during this whole saga? How would you suggest students overcome it?

Hiranmayee: It is not uncommon for one to face peer and parental pressure in such scenarios, but there should be no loss of self-confidence, which could make matters even worse. One should have faith in one's own skill and maintain a confident persona, for opportunities arrive at their door.

Vachas: What kind of impact does the current pandemic have on the entire narrative?

Hiranmayee: As far as I can see, a severe economic crisis is going to hit us or to be precise, it already has. Many freshers who have been given the call letter at the time of placements have been renounced. Experienced employees are being laid off just because the firms are not in a position to afford their services. This, in no way, should affect the confidence of the students because this is a monetary issue but not any indication of lack of talent. Such kinds of stories would be heard more in the coming days, but that should not abate a student's zeal to succeed. With that being said, it is necessary for freshers to get upskilled in as many fields as they can. Because the competition is at the acme of its intensity and difficulty.

Vachas: Have you personally stumbled upon any such problem due to this crisis?

Hiranmayee: Initially, I've taken up a job which seemed quite problematic for not only me but also to many of my colleagues who also happened to be freshers. Some firms might operate on short-term strategies involving freshers, but they wouldn't suit the interests of the newly-graduated employees causing quite a few problems for them. After I realized that, I've changed my path and started looking for other opportunities, which has got me to where I'm working at.

Vachas: In your perspective, is it important to take more time in letting all opportunities arrive or to stay grounded in taking the decision and make the best out of the available choices?

Hiranmayee: It all comes down to what situation the market is in, and what interests you have, at the end. But I personally am inclined to take more time and analyse the choices, because you should not always consider one criterion alone to run behind opportunities. Some changes would show you great affluence to be attained, but may not be well-planned structurally and end up giving you a lot of stress. Whereas some opportunities might not interest you with pay alone, but the facilities you'll be provided with seem beneficial and inviting. So, you must be clear in your ambitions and should be astute enough, to gratify them.

Vachas: Since you've begun your job search or even getting to know the professional world, have you recognized the evolution of new-age jobs? In both technical and management fields?

Hiranmayee: There is definitely an evolution in jobs and the work culture as well, which is what facilitates innovation. There were many jobs which used to hold a lot of demand a few years ago but have completely fled the main picture now. New-age jobs are bringing creativity to workspaces and also demanding new skills.

Vachas: Is there any message that you want to give our readers?

Hiranmayee: I've read that according to research, millennials change their career paths at least 6 times in their life. And there's every reason for why they should, because sticking to the

same bench just because you're being adequately paid doesn't benefit you. But sometimes exploring your passion does. I'd just want to say that there isn't any necessity to be perfect in everything. But it is nonetheless essential to keep up the positivity and momentum to achieve what you're interested in. Be in as many places as you can, learn as much as you can and try to find satisfaction and enthusiasm in whatever job you take up. Good luck!

Vachas: Hiranmayee, you've been nothing short of a phenomenon when in college. You've inspired many students, Vachasians in particular, and have brought path-breaking changes in the paradigm of the places you've operated in. Your individuality and diligence would always be cherished. Thank you so much for taking some time for us. We wish you all the best for your future endeavours. Stay safe!
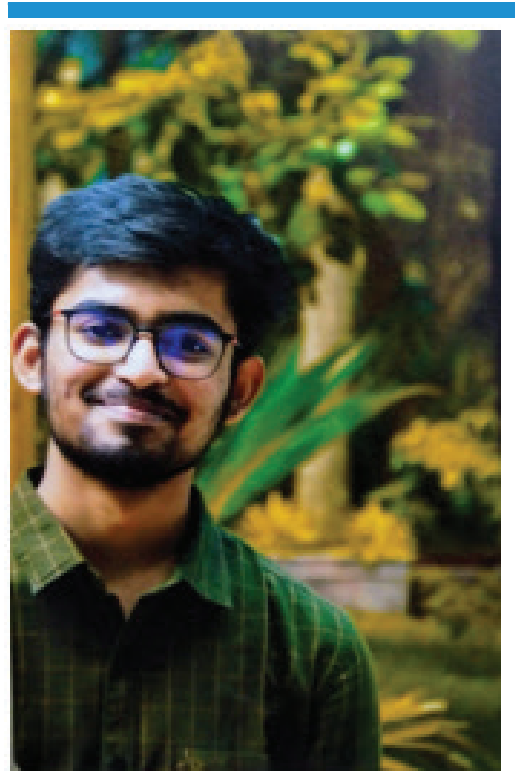
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DREAM OF ANANTHA VISHWA (SAMYAK 2019-20 THEME)

One night, I found myself hanging from a cliff on the Moon. Then I looked down to see the Earth is so huge and blue. I let my hands go off the cliff, thinking that I would land on Earth. But I realized I lost gravity and started travelling in space. Since I knew about the heat on Earth, I didn't want to go to Mercury and Venus. Something red and larger attracted me and I landed there. It was Mars. No life and no water. But I heard someone speaking a weird language. Being scared of aliens (as I watched a Hollywood movie..)I started running. And ended up nowhere but Mars! Mangalyaan comes from India!! Shaking hands with it, I could explore the red planet.

Being bored, I wanted to be left in space again to explore the other part of the Vishwa. I could feel someone pulling one of my hands. I didn't want to open my eyes out of anxiousness. That hand left me suddenly and I am all alone in space, watching the beauty of the Ananta Vishwa as though I am watching science fiction in 5D. Mighty Jupiter and beautiful Saturn looked like they were dating at long distance! The Uranus was quiet and calm just like me, to appreciate God's creation. I suddenly remembered the lonely planet I studied in my school which was a part of the solar system but was later removed. I find it is much farther for me to travel towards it and enjoy her privacy and the cold weather away from the Sun!!

Being surprised by watching gigantic bodies enjoying the party, I was exhausted and fell down. Something hit my head hard and now I know, all that was a dream provoking me to write up for Samyak 2k19 (Anantha Vishwa).

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CSE

It is not your job to save everyone. Some people are not even ready to be helped. Focus on being of service to those who are, and be wise and humble enough to know when the best service you can offer is to guide them toward help in another direction.

Do you relish working with mankind?

Are you zealous about social fairness?

Do you want to make a variation in the world?

If you answered yes, then the CSE-CEA Club could be right for you!

The vision of CSE- CENTRE FOR EXTENSION ACTIVITIES (CEA) is to knock back social responsiveness into the student faction.

CSE-CENTRE FOR EXTENSION ACTIVITIES Club Purpose:

• To initiate a social work existence on campus through acts of exploration, defence, education and volunteerism.

• To encourage a pragmatic resemblance of the social work, walk of life.

• To encourage its members to conclude responsibility for identifying the need for social change and actively participate in facilitating such changes.

• To promote collaborative working relationships with other student and campus groups/ organizations.

• To support and nurture the personal and professional development of its membership.

We focus on many sections like:

Social Awareness:

'Knowledge is power' and this power can solve half of the problems in society. RTI/RTE: Right to Information act is a golden wand against corruption and government in-action and suitable awareness and knowledge regarding such acts can empower people in solving problems by themselves.

Rural development:

A quote 'India lives in her village' clearly states that the development of India can't be achieved as long as there is no development in rural areas? For this CSE-CEA takes initiative in the following areas: Health: health check-up campaign, awareness of contagious diseases, and classes on First aid etc.

Children:

There is a famous quote on children: 'Today's children are tomorrow's citizens. Keeping the above point as CSE-CEA's main motive CSE-CEA works on: Eradicating child labour: Where CSE-CEA creates awareness in villages and parents the need for sending their child to school rather than work.

Innovation:

"Our job is not to prepare students for something, our job is to help students prepare themselves for anything"

To establish a culture of social innovation in the student body and our society at large and to leverage both conventional and emerging ideas from science, engineering, arts, humanities and all other fields of human endeavours, in order to produce sustainable and accessible solutions to social problems.

Women:

Harassments against women are increasing day by day. Not only in workplaces but also at homes. As the age of the mother earth is increasing the security of women on the earth is decreasing. Keeping this point in view the activities will be done.

The activities conducted by CSE-CEA until now are the following:

1. Anti-ragging awareness program:

Ragging which starts as fun for a group of students may have a far-reaching influence on the other group of students, family and the Institution itself. The consequences may end up in death. Starting from UGC Regulations, Legislations on Ragging and Central Legislations the idea was to give a complete picture of WHY RAGGING SHOULD NOT BE CURBED.

Our whole idea to bring this event was to "SAY NO TO RAGGING".

2. Enlightenment for a Safe COVID:

"EXPERT TALKS" for "ENLIGHTENMENT FOR SAFE COVID" where Dr Saritha Kakani, MBBS; F.Diab; D Diab; PGDD(Boston Univ, USA) interacted with students about the precautions that one need to take during this COVID pandemic, advice the precautions that are to be taken by a person who is affected by COVID, precautions to reduce our chances of being infected or spreading COVID-19 and interact with students about the stress and complications that are being faced by students nowadays due to online classes.

Activities that CSE-CEA is going to conduct in the coming weeks:

1. Career guidance to students
2. Spread Awareness regarding the importance of being socially responsible.
3. Guidance on improving communication skills.

Our Goal:

Our mission is to organize philanthropic activities with special concentration on the welfare of children, youth, women, rural and urban-slum populations. To organize public awareness activities, like awareness sessions on solid and wet waste management, solar power generation etc. To provide Engineering Solutions for persistent social problems and profitability in different sectors.

Be the change you wish to see in the world.

CSE | HOBBY CLUBS

In recognition of the importance of hobby activities and its role in the bringing up of the youthful students, the KLU Students' Hobby Club has been formed with a view which also promotes further cultural, sporting, social and scientific activities of the college. The Students' Hobby Club in the College collaborates through various committees with the various Faculties in supervising the extra-curricular hobby activities, which aim at achieving the following objectives:

- To participate in developing college students and enhancing their personality with balance and integrity.

- To develop the talents of the students and improve their capabilities and assist them in acquiring useful knowledge and experience.

- To get the students accustomed to participating in social activities, to develop brotherly relations among them, and to develop a harmonious relationship based on mutual respect among themselves and their professors.

- To provide students with means of comfort, convenience and assurance.

- To associate students with their society and to enforce their feeling of belonging to their country and their nation.

KL CSE HOBBY CLUBS has been actively conducting events, workshops, competitions and talk shows. With time and situations facing in, Hobby Clubs have always come up with new things to uplift the students' standards at the same time creating awareness. Our work and passion continued with this lockdown and we came up with many interesting virtual competitions and webinars which were highly appreciated.

Why You Should Join A Hobby Club?

1. Helps in discovering your interests: Joining an activity club or pursuing a hobby helps you determine what you are interested in or what your strengths are.

2. Helps in improving your skills: Societies do wonders in getting over your Achilles' heel. If you tend to get stuck-up while speaking, join a debating club, and you will be speaking fluently. Do you have a stage fear?—you can try out dramatics to get rid of it; want to improve your skills in a particular sport?—join the many sporting clubs available. You will have plenty of time and numerous clubs to hone your skills.

3. Helps to take a break from your Busy Schedule: They provide the fun and enjoyment needed to turn your monotonous life into a fun-filled one.

4. Helps you in widening your friend Circle: Getting involved in an activity club will help you make more friends, who have similar interests.

KL Deemed to be University constitutes over 15 different Hobby Clubs. It provides everyone with a wide array of opportunities, be it in the field of education or extra-curricular activities. Students can join depending on their interests. These clubs range from singing, dancing, acting, animation and much.

Listing them down all we have:

1. AASTHA CLUB for Social Service in Rural Area

2. AAROHANA CLUB for students having an interest in trekking

3. ABHINAYA CLUB aspires to hone students having the passion for theatre arts

4. NARTANA CLUB to develop their dancing skill

5. PRAKRITI CLUB promotes a good environment and awareness about the Ecological balance

6. VARNA CLUB for developing artistic skills

7. SODHANA CLUB inspires to come with Product based Research with Social Responsibility

8. YANTRAN CLUB enhances the Innovation Spirit.

9. VACHAS CLUB to introduce to them the plethora of benefits in all-round personality development.

10. SWARA CLUB where music lovers showcase their talents

11. SANSKRITI CLUB to spread the greatness of the Heritage and Social values

12. LEKHANA CLUB improves the linguistic and language ability

13. MAYA CLUB enhances the abilities of Graphics

14. VAYANA CLUB encourages students in embroidery and Knitting

15. CHALANA CHITRA CLUB to create heads who excelled in making(create/direct/edit) media (Short films, documentaries, Posters) which can enlighten the world of what is happening.

Hobby Clubs are the main hub of Students Activity. They provide an outlet and a stage for creative young minds. This helps you gain invaluable leadership as well as life skills. They bring out the best among us.

Our Future Goals:

1. Involving more students to get connected with us so that they can come out of the pressure they are feeling their schedules.

2. Introducing top-notch industry connected topics and certifications.

3. Creating awareness among the various on Topics.

4. Keep you connected and help you in finding your passion.

5. Helping you in recognizing your passion and strengths.

6. Overall helping in your all-round personality development.

We wait to see you all in our next Activity.

CENTRE FOR EXTENSION ACTIVITIES (CEA)

Every individual is unique. This uniqueness in every individual is abundantly celebrated in the Centre for Extension Activities (CEA) with its prime motto - to imbibe social consciousness in the society. The volunteers of this organization encompass selfless service to render to society. This magnificent deed involves using the minds for innovation rather than memorization for creativity rather than futile activity, for rumination rather stagnation.

The Team CEA holds its mission which drives the volunteers towards accomplishing its common vision. The reverence with which every volunteer is treated immaterial of his/ her year of study has always been one of the driving factors of the CEA.

The Team CEA is a student organization body that aims to imbibe social consciousness into the student community and thus lay a foundation for a more selfless society. Its mission is to organize various philanthropic activities, to encourage environment fortification and sustainability, to provide engineering solutions to existing problems, and to induce the concept of inclusive growth in all the promising ways.

The Team CEA mainly comprises six wings, where each wing has a specific mission and vision. They are:

· Children & Youth Wing

· Rural Development Wing

· Social Awareness Wing

· Student Sensitization Program(SSP) Wing

· Women Wing

· Innovation Wing

Every academic year the Team CEA conducts various events for the benefit of the society. The volunteers ensure to emphasize right from small scale events to large scale ones, from rural to urban, from schools to colleges, from orphanages to old age homes, and from social service events to innovative technical events. Few of the events conducted by the Team CEA are Box of Kindness, Tech Speak, Science Fair (Protsah), Kargil Vijay Diwas, Techno Schools, Conservation of electricity, Health camps, various awareness programs, tabloids, Crafting, Drafting &Designing, Guide, Puzzle mania and many more. Glimpses of the events are shared hereafter.

EVENT PICS

LIFE AS AN NCC CADET

I, Cadet S.Harsha joined NCC in 2013. To be an NCC cadet is like being unique, hardworking, dedicated, punctual, and most of all, an achiever. It inculcates the attitude of never giving up, makes you optimistic, and builds a lot of self-confidence and character. Life as a cadet is one of the best experiences one can ever have as it teaches them life as it is and shows how it is to be an officer in the Indian Armed Forces.

NCC, however, is a bit underrated when it comes to joining the armed forces. NCC cadets live life like an officer without being a part of the premier Indian military training institutes like NDA and IMA.

NCC MOTTO:

The motto of NCC is UNITY AND DISCIPLINE which means maintaining unity. Between the cadets, working without any issues and having a disciplined time. The only thing we are needed to follow is to accept everything that comes our way with a smile on our face and always maintain the life balanced.

BENEFITS OF NCC:

Preference is given to B & C certificate holders in Defence Services, Police services, Paramilitary forces, Fire forces, BSF, Territorial Army, Industrial Security Forces, Public Sectors, and all uniform services.60 Engineering Seats, 16 Medical Seats, 6-7% of Post Graduation seats are reserved for NCC cadets in all Indian Universities.

Several vacancies were created every year through UPSC & SSC for 'C' Certificate holders and the selected only on an interview basis.

NCC also conducts the Youth Exchange Programme. The aim of YEP is a country-to-country exchange of cadets belonging to NCC/equivalent Govt/Youth Organisations of friendly countries and participation in various activities and appreciation of each other's socio-economic and cultural realities.

On a final note, let me leave you with the pledge that every NCC cadet upholds to:

WE THE CADET OF THE NATIONAL CADET CORPS, DO SOLEMNLY PLEDGE THAT WE SHALL ALWAYS UPHOLD THE UNITY OF INDIA. WE RESOLVE TO BE DISCIPLINED AND RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN OF OUR NATION. WE SHALL UNDERTAKE POSITIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE IN THE SPIRIT OF SELFLESSNESS AND CONCERN FOR OUR FELLOW BEINGS.

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NCC - A MAGNIFICENT JOURNEY:

No sorrow, No worries...

Jab sunthe , " HOW'S THE JOSH",

Ham kehte , " HIGH SIR".

NCC – National Cadet Corps, is a TRI-SERVICES YOUTH ORGANISATION in India. "UNITY AND DISCIPLINE" is its main motto. It aims at developing character, comradeship, discipline, a secular outlook, the spirit of adventure and ideals of selfless service amongst youth citizens.

NCC is the best way to clear all exams regarding defence services, UPSC exams to get into the armed forces and placed in the all India services etc.

My experience in NCC is exceptional. Unlike others, Uniform is my favourite, because it speaks more than words. The parade ground is my favourite place because our strain will never be a pain.

Where,

NCC is not just a 3 letters acronym, but more than a motivation...

For cadets to serve our nation.

While

This generation runs behind beauty,

We love to get confined to our duty.

The way,

Our jaw-dropping, rip-roaring march electrifies the ground,

With ultrasound,

and makes people astound.

The song boosts our energy up – "HAM SAB BHARATIYA HAIN".

The flag keeps our chin up – "TIRANGA".

The slogan keeps us alive – "JAI HIND".

NCC is not just an organization, but an emotion which holds us together...FOREVER.

JAI HIND!!!

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DEVELOPER
STUDENT CLUBS
K L UNIVERSITY

Helping students bridge the gap between theory and practice

Developer Student Clubs are university-based community groups for students interested in Google developer technologies. Students from all undergraduate or graduate programs with an interest in growing as a developer are welcome. By joining a DSC, students grow their knowledge in a peer-to-peer learning environment and build solutions for local businesses and their community.

- **Connect**

Meet other students on campus interested in developer technologies. All are welcome, including those with diverse backgrounds and different majors.

- **Learn**

Learn about a wide range of technical topics where new skills are gained through hands-on workshops, in-person training and project building activities.

- **Grow**

Apply your new learnings and connections to build great solutions for local problems. Advance your skills, career and network. Give back to your community by helping others learn as well.

What does DSC-KLEF do?

Developer Student Club K L University in association with Google Developers trains hundreds of Students on Mobile Application Development, Web Development, TensorFlow, Google Cloud Platform and various Google technologies.

Students of DSC - KLEF work on various Google open source technologies and conduct boot camps, hackathons,workshops,tech-fests, hands-on technical sessions on it which are essential to students to meet the current industry requirements and excel in their domain of interest.

We believe that technology can do extraordinary things for the world. we took the responsibility to help students grow as developers and empower these students to impact their communities with technology.
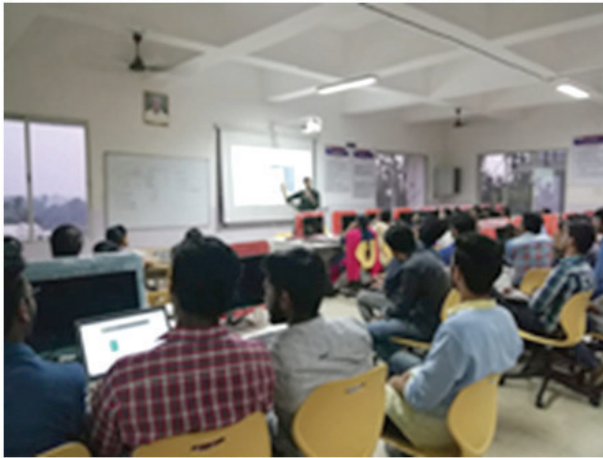
| Google Cloud Platform | TensorFlow | Android | Flutter |

We develop Projects based on app and web development for E-commerce, Festival Level, and provide solutions for university and local business.

Developer Student Clubs

K L University

MEGHA
THE CLOUD COMPUTING CLUB

ACTIVITIES:

- Weekly Boot Camps
- Hands-on experience
- Case studies
- A blog spot for tech updates on cloud computing

- Paper presentation and publishing
- Tech talks
- Guest lectures
- Workshops

ABOUT MEGHA CLUB

MEGHA CLUB deals with Cloud Computing Technologies. We work under the platform AWS (Amazon Web Services). AWS is one of the leading platforms for Cloud Technologies. As the Team members themselves teach the students it will be so comfortable for the students. This club will focus on enhancing the success of members and associates while embracing its values, respect, integrity, and innovation.

How we started - Cloud computing has very quickly become the most trending and hottest technology these days. Ever since digital transformation kick-started, cloud computing has been the spine of all significant regulations and constant evolution of the IT industry. We noticed that most people didn't know what this technology exactly is, so we as a team decided to form this club as we are more interested in working on trending technologies.

Why you should join - This club will undoubtedly help you in your specialisation if you opt for Cloud Computing in your second year. It will give you an edge over your peers. Even if you do not choose that specialization, acquiring extra skills is always helpful.

Also, if you are not technically oriented, you can use the cloud for various businesses, something that is already being done in the real world. You can also deploy your projects in the future using the cloud via AWS.

Cloud Computing Club

Cloud Computing Club Activities

*Experiments *Labs *Real time projects *Get certified *Publish yourtechnicalpapers *Seminars *Workshops and many more

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Coming to AWS Amazon Web Services, our university has an MoU with them. AWS gives you access to various courses on AWS like Machine Learning, Cybersecurity, Game Development, Web App Development etc. It also provides you with access to website hosting, database maintenance, virtual PCs, and various other benefits. Almost 40% of the world's companies use AWS.

Joining us would also help build your contacts, which is always useful, and bridge the gap between juniors and seniors. It will also help cultivate teamwork and connect with your fellow peers.

PAST ACTIVITY PHOTOS

Our student member explaining the glimpse of cloud computing in our 1st introductory session.

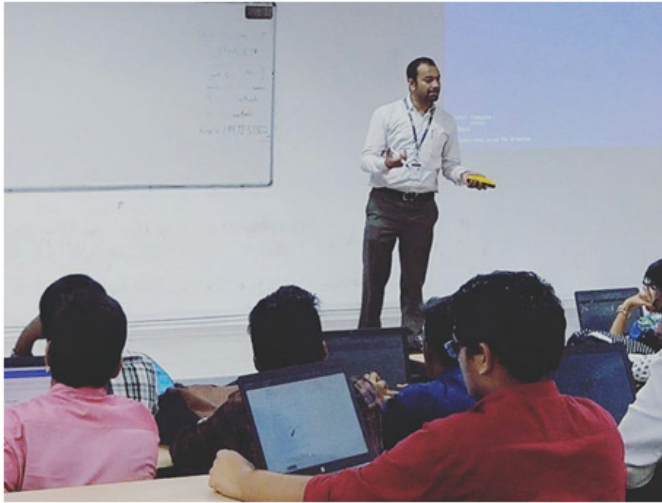Our student mentor giving a lecture about CLOUD COMPUTING SERVICES.

Our student mentor makes our aspirants create an AWS account and explains its uses.

Our student mentor handling hands-on lab session of ec2 instance creation

OUR FACULTY INCHARGE MR. ARUN KUMAR GOGE
GIVING LECTURE ON ECS & DOCKER

During WEEK OF WELCOME (WOW)

KOGNITIV CLUB

Platitude of the Club: "To make computers to see, hear, and learn. Let us welcome the future computing."

Machine Learning is the trend of the day, and it is anywhere and everywhere. Machine Learning is the study of algorithms that allow computers to predict or classify and improve performances through experience automatically. Iterative training of the machine learning models helps the computers to independently adapt to the new data.

The club also focuses on product development, funded projects from industry, start-ups, etc. Moreover, we are also implementing a *club box* through which all the club members would be able to share their ideas. The club intends to learn with fun and without stress.

KOGNITIV Club focuses on Machine Learning and its specialization. Over the past year, we have conducted many events such as conducting sessions for students, doing collaborative projects with the team, conducting workshops in our campus, conducting the non-tech events and much more.

Every week we will be conducting sessions twice. For first years it will be from 3 to 4: 30 and 2nd and above years we will be doing from 5:30 to 7:00. Around 30 sessions were conducted in the past one year. We also conducted a series of workshops collaborating with *Explore ML,* one on our *Samyak* event and another on Feb which is a grand success. We did a non-tech event also named Crypt Your Mind and Word Scribble.

KL
eSports
CLUB

Short Description about the club:

After the formation of KL eSports, Students in the club are actively participating in activities, making friends, learning incredibly valuable skills that helped them in and out of the classroom, and are having fun while doing it. It increased the overall participation of students in the university, also gave publicity to the wannabe gamers & university students, got the University an eSports team to represent themself in tournaments around the globe. We have already won titles across local tournaments which have led to more publicity of KL University among the gaming community as an esports community-friendly University. Also by inculcating new technologies like Discord, we are also making our students technically sound and implement these technologies in their day to day activities.

Activities conducted by KL eSports:

1) KL GameCon -

KL GameCon was conducted during SAMYAK 2019 as the first exclusive event for Gaming by Gamers .KL GameCon consisted of a variety of events such as : RETRO Gaming,Console Arena,Open Arena Gaming ,Tournament .

The whole idea of GameCon was to make sure every student feels home with the variety of games/ events we had presented over those days .

- Feeling nostalgic ? We had RETRO Gaming featuring all the classic hit games

- Want to experience joystick gaming ? Welcome to Console Arena.

- Just want to play some games without any restrictions ? Open Area Gaming featured over 10+ games that anyone could play at anytime .

- Want to feel the rush of adrenaline ? We had that also covered with our various AAA title Tournaments .Prizes were given for each category and even students from outside KLU had come to exclusively participate in the tournaments .

We had a huge positive response from the crowd overall ,everyone felt they had something to relate in KL GameCon .

2) #Include x KL eSports -

For HashInclude we conducted a set of events but the major event was the Tournaments .

Over a period of a week ,registration for tournaments were conducted for various AAA Titles like PUBG PC ,Rainbow Six Siege,CS:GO ,Fortnite .Scrims were conducted .Top teams faced each other for a ultimate faceoff during the tournaments ,eventually giving us the ultimate champion at the end.

3) KL WoW 2019 : Game Development -

During the first installment of KL WoW in 2019 ,we held a workshop on Game Development focusing on how the Game Development industry was the next big thing and how to jump start a career in it .Many freshers found their future path and how to start it off early ! We got a lot of input into the club through this session .

4) KL WoW 2020 : Technology Breakdown -

During the KL WoW 2020 we focused more on basic technical knowledge related to technology that everyone should know about .We covered crucial topics such as PC/Laptop Spec, UnComplicate 101 - Where we clear common misconceptions ,What to look for while buying a new device ,common terms and similar topics .We also had a lot of inflow from the freshers showing interest in eSports and gaming in general .

Social's :

Follow us on Instagram : https://instagram.com/klesports

RPA CLUB

RPA- ROBOTIC PROCESS AUTOMATION

 If you are not learning Robotic Process Automation (RPA) right now, you are already behind.

As a business leader you have already lost your consistency,

As an employee you have already lost your job,

As a technical student you have already lost your precious time...

you do not know what to do...

Much in the same way physical robots have been rapidly replacing industrial blue-collar jobs,

software robots will be replacing a high percentage of white-collar jobs... sooner than you think.

That is Robotic Process Automation.

Having gentle learning through modern RPA tools is very powerful. It can be used by non-programmers to develop software robots capable of automating any computer process

traditionally performed by human beings. Even processes spending multiple systems in technologies... IN RPA software robots can easily interact with desktop applications,

EMAILS, Excel Spreadsheets, Text files, XML Documents, websites, API's, Databases, Mainframes, Green screens and etc and they could do that faster, cheaper, more consistently for longer periods of time with no vacations and higher quality results that any human can possibly compete with.

The most likely way to adapt & thrive in this new age will be to know how to build & maintain software robots!

WHY RPA?

Usually everyone is curious to get their process done so easily without human interference which saves them time and reduces workload so that it makes life rest assured, have you ever thought of that? And when you automate mundane tasks throughout your workday, it makes your career that much more fulfilling.

But where do you go to learn how to automate things on your own? Sometimes while learning a new skill, it is the easiest to watch an expert performing his or her craft while explaining the process.

So, yes, we have got a platform here to exhibit our talent through Automation Anywhere Tool, UiPath, Blue Prism etc. which helps us learn these automations fast and easy.

ESTABLISHMENT

This RPA club is an association of people united by a common interest and goal because in this technical world, everyone feels like coding is the best way to build a tool, automate processes and solve real-world problems. Yes, it is true but there are various ways other than coding for people to not restrict to a particular area of development. This is the best thing that happened, students started to get much involved in these tools of RPA like UiPath and Automation Anywhere which paved a way to get situations less hard for our Team. So, starting to begin with an idea of forming this club there came many hurdles questioning the future of RPA. Also, we require plenty of resources, references and professionals to guide to get practiced and get habituated to the tools we learn. After getting prepared and by trials, finally we brainstormed and came up with a vision that this club will help students learn the process of automating things, its main area of use and the solutions to solve the real-world issues, also making every process cost lesser time and man-force to get out of things so well. 26th JANUARY,2020 paved way for the heading success of this RPA Club. Hard work added to smartness helped a lot to discuss among us and form a team of 15 with an excellent Program Chief, we got ourselves excellently trained from the start. And there comes the most exuberant Club-RPA, the journey continued...

PROGRESS

After a tough process of recruiting students involved in Automation, we the team RPA trained our fellow students and helped them get introduced to a new technology which now they feel familiar with. Almost 250+ students from the field of computer science underwent the training process for almost weeks and got themselves acquainted with the tools and cleared the global certifications of RPA UiPath and Automation Anywhere. The club continued to experience new tools in RPA and showcased some new methods and projects in workshops, seminars, Webinars, Technical fests conducted in the university and contributed its usage to a great extent in bot development. There came another milestone for the club through EXPO2020.

Each member of the club has done their best part in building the useful bots which are completely Industry and Survival based (welcomed in this generation). There are 50+ Bot projects in total that are exposed and reviewed from tools UiPath and AA. The astounding technical fests like SAMYAK2020, #INCLUDE2020 and cultural fests like SURABHI2020(which is completely Virtual) enjoyed the excellency of our club and its contributions.

BENEFITS OF JOINING THE CLUB

1. The activities of the club have been formulated to develop competence of the students in the related technologies with emphasis on application aspects of the concepts.

2. Gaining experience in the emerging technological tools that could help you in the future and practise through hands-on workshops.

3. Training on Certifications which are considered globally will be offered to students who undergo training process by taking their assessments.

4. Globally certified Professionals give Industrial Interactions time to time.

5. The club envisages the Automation study considering the process of Designing, Developing, Modelling, Testing and Evaluation for the best results.

6. Learning new skills. Also, all members of this club contribute to the group.

7. Improving confidence among the club members.

8. Good management of time and getting better with industrial works and the ways.

9. Making opportunities to meet a diverse population of people which allows you to expand your interest and thinking capabilities.

10. Developing leadership skills within an environment of your peers.

FUTURE

Every student here is very fortunate to have plenty of opportunities to learn and use various technologies. Yes, we are very sure in performing the tasks and taking this technical club to its zenith level to be used by everyone and hope to expand our connections to get well equipped in the field of Automation by discovering new ways of learning. COVID-19 Pandemic has created a bifurcated information technology spending outlook, and this cleared that automation is emerging as one winner. Also, it is that promise considered the review of students to make this club much efficient in the future use. Compared to the market levels the TAM expansion opportunity for RPA is substantial and we hope to find our club in every aspect possible of generating ideas to make a big difference.

WEBSITES

For more updates and learning path schedules please visit us at:

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INSTAGRAM: rpa.klef

Always feel free to discuss and post your queries to the sites mentioned. Soon, we will be starting more and more web sources to help you lead yourself with Automation.

MAYAVI
CLUB

Mayavi is a technology club on Augmented reality and virtual Reality. Mayavi technology has conducted many events in K L University .

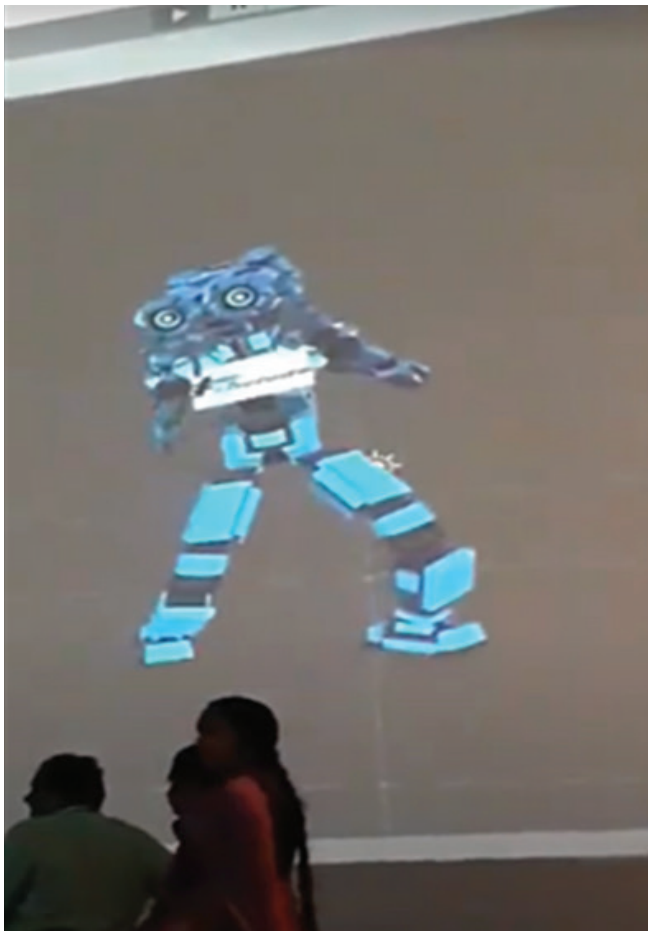**Some activities of Team Mayavi:**

AR Treasure hunt

AR/VR Workshop

Project Expo

Project Fair Samyak

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WHITE HAT CLUB

White Hat Club was started on September 26, 2019. The main theme and aim of the club is to bring Cyber Awareness in students, so they can break the myths they were forced to believe about Cybercrime and security. We strive to prepare students for careers in Cyber Security through technical and non-technical training. We offer focused workshops and training on security concepts, soft skills, team and leadership skills. White Hat Club promotes diversity and inclusion. Ultimately, every member of the club gets many job opportunities and excels in his or her career.

Webinar on
ETHICAL HACKING

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM   29th August 2020
To Register: http://bit.ly/KLCSECEAEHwebinar
For any Queries Contact - G. Sunil:-95054 44662

SWARA CLUB

SWARA is a zestful club of musically talented students who meet up and make captivating music. Be it vocalists, guitarists, bassists, drummers, the club encourages every diverse talent in terms of the variety of instrumentalists and a range of different vocalists certainly not bound by genres. The motto of this club is to display the musical Talent of students and takes responsibility to encourage the students to set a Rhythm to their feelings in the form of music. All in all, it is a family of excellent musicians with wonderful hearts.

The passionate singers made yet another mark in the minds of many by performing and winning numerous prizes in different genres of music at various Inter College Music Competitions held in VVIT, RVR and JC College.

Swara unveils its splendid performances in KLEF's National wide Fests like SAMYAK and SURABHI including Branch Fest's, together with promoting them in Carnivals and also lays out its musical flair through flash mobs in and out of the campus.

RAAGA is a National Level Music Competition organized by Swara every year with the theme, "THE VOICE OF OUR SOUL...." It is a platform for many music aspirants to showcase their talent in various genres of music taking both solo and band performances. Swara uplifts not only vocalists but also instrumentalists by conducting percussion and non-percussion instrumental competitions like Vaayidhya.

Swara chose a special path of showcasing its talent by conducting a musical event every month which is Once More encouraging platform to enhance the musical skills of Fresher's in the university.

The Uniqueness of this Club stands in airing events regularly even in this Quarantine period to reach every person through music.

DRONE TECHNOLOGY
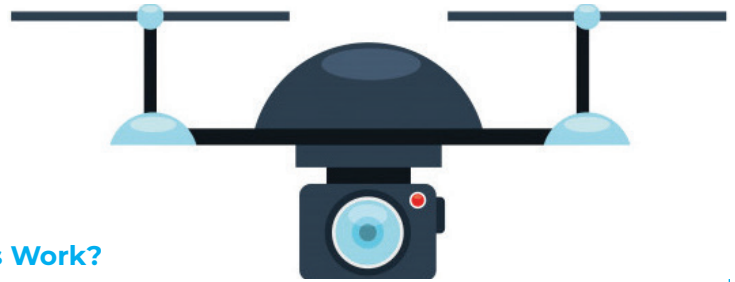
What Is Drone Technology and How Do Drones Work?

The term "drone" usually refers to any unpiloted aircraft. Sometimes referred to as "Unmanned Aerial Vehicles" (UAVs), these crafts can carry out an impressive range of tasks, ranging from military operations to package delivery. Drones can be as large as an aircraft or as small as the palm of your hand. When talking about a drone as an electric device, we are thinking of a missile or a remote-controlled pilotless aircraft.

Drones have been around for many years. They are used for several different purposes and can be very helpful in many areas. However, drones have become much more popular in recent times, and their application has increased rapidly in various fields.

A self-flying drone is built with various in-built computerized programming and using technology like propulsion and navigation systems, GPS, sensors and cameras, programmable controllers as well as equipment for automated flights.

Autonomous flying machines or drones use the computer vision technology to hover in the air avoiding the objects to keep moving on the right path. And now artificial intelligence (AI) is used in drones to make this flying machine smarter.

Drone used to capture the data using the camera and sensors, which is later analyzed to extract useful information to utilize for a specific purpose.

Computer Vision in Drone Technology

Computer vision is playing a key role in detecting the various types of objects while flying in midair. A high-performance onboard image processing and a drone neural network are used for object detection, classification, and tracking while flying into the air.

Computer vision also helps detect living beings like humans, whales, ground animals and other marine mammals with a high level of accuracy.

The neural network in drones helps to detect the various types of objects like vehicles, foothills, buildings, trees, objects on or near the surface of the water, as well as diverse terrain.

Applications

* Object tracking   * Self-navigation   * Obstacle detection and collision avoidance technologies

Machine Learning & Deep Learning for Computer Vision in Drones

Computer vision now backed with machine learning and deep learning algorithms is making a drastic change in the drone industry.

It helps algorithms to learn from captured images of various objects that come while using drones for various purposes.

The objects are annotated to make it recognizable to drones through computer vision. And a wide variety of entities are labelled to make sure the drone can detect and decide its direction and control to fly safely avoiding the obstacles in the path.

AI-enabled Drone Use Cases:

Human Tracking and Face Recognition using Drones

Drones are also used for tracking humans in societies or at the park from the security perspective. Its camera is used for face recognition to detect suspicious people or track their face gesture or emotion tracking while flying.

Developing drones for face recognition needs another technology that can train an AI model to detect the people using their facial attributes.

AI Drone in Military and Defense Sector

In the military and defense sector drones are becoming popular to develop unmanned weapons to combat or bombard on the enemies in the war.

However, right now drones are already used for patrolling on the borders, monitoring security, tracking storms, and performing safety inspections. And many of them are also used for food supplies.

Drones in Security and Surveillance

Making the life of people safer and secured, drones are playing another role in the security and surveillance of people living in unsafe areas or even in habitat environments

Drones used as a security camera for monitoring the unusual activities outside threats like theft or violence and protest to recognize the people or track their activities.
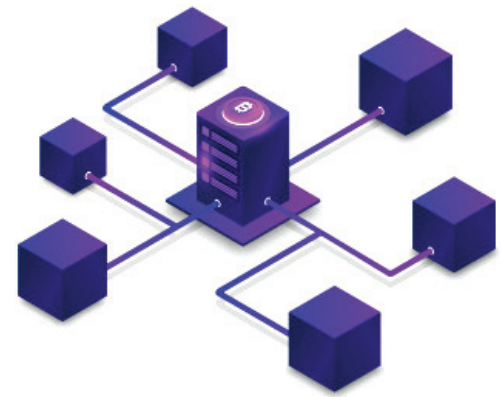
Drone applications into various fields are becoming significant and AI-based drones can provide game-changing results to get connected from distant locations providing real-time data for quick action.

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RISE OF
BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY

Introduction

Blockchain originated from a white paper written by Satoshi Nakamoto, till this day it is unknown whether Satoshi Nakamoto is a person or a group of people, as many people have claimed themselves as Satoshi Nakamoto. Blockchain is a decentralized network which works on peer-to-peer mode.

Blockchain in security

While Cyber Security is the main concern in this Digital era, Blockchain can be treated as a layer of Cyber Security or it can be considered as a brand new level of security.

In traditional ways of banking, we have central power which addresses major concerns of cyber security such as confidentiality, integrity, Availability, all such concerns will be assured by banks, which makes us more comfortable.

While the term decentralization refers to no central power, then how does Blockchain address the main issues such as confidentiality, integrity, Availability?

Ø Blockchain facilitates integrity by using the concept of public & private keys, where private keys will be only available with a node and public keys will be with everyone in the ledger.

Ø Availability of the records is also very well managed in Blockchain for the authorized users to access data as required.

Ø Blockchain compromises on confidentiality a little bit as the technology aims for transparency too, but it doesn't mean that confidentiality is not available in Blockchain.

What makes Blockchain so powerful?

Blockchain is a list of growing records technically termed as blocks, while these blocks are initiated by nodes of the ledger these blocks will be verified by the miners using consensus mechanisms and added to Blockchain. After the generation of the block it can neither be manipulated nor be deleted due to its immutability nature.

Blockchain in Supply Chain Management

In Supply chain management we often see many issues arising due to low quality of products, though the products have gone through quality checks before delivering them to consumers ,consumers often give negative feedback on products, which would leave a bad impression on the company.

To overcome this issue many companies have started implementing their supply chain management on Blockchain Technology, as Blockchain provides more transparency and provides a detailed description at every stage in supply chain management, it is now easier for companies to track the product at every stage in the supply chain.

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ROLE OF AI IN GENDER INEQUALITY

Unless you are living in a cave in some remote forest chances are extremely high that you have heard about AI. It is the next big thing after the moon landing and the internet.

"AI is one of the most important things humanity is working on. It is more profound than, I dunno, electricity or fire,"
-Sundar Pichai

Indeed, from scientists to engineers and even technology enthusiasts in middle school, debate about the future of AI and why it has the power to shape our future.

Over the years people have understood that the idea of creating a machine with intelligence similar or even greater than that of humans is far more difficult than anticipated. The so-called "AI" which we see today is referred to as Narrow AI. This type of AI is designed to do a single task like playing chess or recommending videos.

This led to the rise of automation. Machines can perform most of the tasks better, faster, and in a more efficient way. The idea of machines replacing humans is not science fiction any more . There are many sectors where humans are already being replaced. Recall when was the last time you called customer care and not heard a computerized voice or not seen a website that has an assistant on the bottom left.

A DIFFERENT KIND OF PROBLEM

According to research by WIRED and Element AI, a mere 12% of leading machine learning researchers are female. This situation is similar in FANG companies which are a major contributor to R&D in the fields of ML and deep learning. Since these algorithms are designed to replicate human-like behaviour they are greatly influenced by the thought process and ideologies of the developer and since most of them are male, these algorithms tend to behave in a biased way.

Inequality in workspaces further increases gender biases which are then baked directly into these AI tools. Amazon recently abandoned AI-powered recruiting tools which gave preference to male candidates. Computer Vision, a major subfield of AI, depends on large data sets to recognize environments around them. These systems have been found to report higher error rates when attempting to recognize women, especially those who have darker skin tones as compared to males. In the case of NLP(natural language processing), a 2016 study found that word embeddings trained on Google News articles exhibited revealing gender stereotypes "man is to computer programmer as woman is to x" was completed with x=homemaker.

Once take a look at the tweet I posted a few days back that I found to be rather interesting

These voice assistants are optimized for accuracy on lower-pitched voices and taller speakers who exhibited longer vocal cords (characteristic of males) and since men were mostly designing the algorithms, the female voice tends to be better optimized.

Pinned Tweet
Venkatram Velnati @VenkyVelnati · Jul 9
.@alexa99 .@Google .@Apple .@Microsoft
Interesting fact
Men prefer female voice assistant by 14.3% and women by 11.9%

Gender inequality is abysmal but it is especially bad in AI because of the ways we use it. Think about every YouTube recommendation being biased or every amazon product recommended to you being partial. These are true real issues which very few are trying to solve.

According to Harvard Business School, these biases are caused due to

- *An incomplete or skewed training dataset*
- *Labels used for training*
- *Features and modelling techniques*

AUTOMATION

In the previous article, I talked about automating twitter and how easy it is to automate tasks. Automation is only the tip of the iceberg, Big Tech companies try to provide a wide range of tools and solutions to almost every kind of problem and unlike humans, machines can multi-task and provide better results. Increased performance and lower cost compared to a full-time worker mean businesses find it more lucrative to use machines.

AI experts like Kai-Fu Lee estimate that as much as 40% of jobs can be automated. But this is not really the only issue here out of that 40% most jobs lost would be that of women. This is due, in large part, to the high proportion of women who hold clerical positions, which have one of the highest risks of being automated. Look at this article published by the world economic forum about a study conducted in Japan, which clearly shows how bad women are going to be affected.

People assume that because algorithms use computational logic, their decision-making skills are not affected by human emotions and that is why we started working on AI. Indeed, it is the most received answer when asked why we should develop AI. But addressing these issues is one of the biggest hurdles we face.

FUTURE

Even if every tech company decides to address gender imbalance, it would still not be solved overnight. Firstly, companies need to expand the pool of applicants from underrepresented backgrounds. Secondly, we need to work with universities and policymakers to get more women into technological fields. We need to educate people about gender inequality to ensure a better future where technology plays a role in connecting people rather than dividing based on gender or race.

Although the near future seems a bit grim, a few years down the road when advanced robotics replace production lines, physical workforce jobs traditionally held by women such as emotional intelligence would be high in demand.

"I don't see that human intelligence is something that humans can never understand."

-John McCarthy, March 1989

There has never been a time more exciting than to be a part of the AI revolution. More and more start-ups emerge with unique and cutting-edge solutions to solve problems that were once thought impossible. This is not only fantastic but also the right time to change perceptions of the industry and ultimately ensure that AI becomes an engine for positive change.

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ENSURING TRANSPARENCY IN COVID-19 STATISTICS THROUGH BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY

COVID-19 is responsible for respiratory and communicable diseases which rapidly spread through human contact. COVID-19 reported it's the first case in January 2020 in Wuhan, China. Later, due to the rapid increase of cases throughout the globe, the WHO (World Health Organization) declared COVID-19 as the pandemic disease. COVID-19 statistics play a vital role in the prediction of the disease and to have awareness of the current scenario. So, important information such as daily case numbers, hospital bed status should have transparency. To ensure transparency in the data, there are numerous technologies that are helpful. One such technology is "Blockchain Technology''. Blockchain is a chain of records which are cryptographically hashed. Blockchain has some wondrous properties that help fulfill the requirements of COVID-19 data transparency.

Properties of Blockchain:

1. Decentralization   2. Transparency   3. Immutability

Decentralization:

Decentralization can be defined as a distributed network where everyone can have access to the data. There exists a Peer-to-Peer network, where each person in the network can always have access to the data.

Transparency:

Transparency is achieved through a peer-to-peer network, so every person in the network will

be able to view without any restrictions.

Immutability:

This property ensures the security in the blockchain environment, so whenever the data is inserted into the block it's hashed with the previous block and therefore maintains a chain of order. It follows the principle of Merkle Tree, Merkle Tree is a data structure in the blockchain.

With the help of all these properties, through blockchain, we can achieve data transparency in COVID-19. Data such as no. of positive cases, no. of recovery cases, death cases and hospital bed status, etc. Through this level of transparency, the public will have a clear idea about COVID-19. Hence, when the data is inserted in the block, it can't be changed, and the public can have assurance in the statistics of COVID-19.

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BOOK REVIEWS

LIFE IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT
- Preeti Shenoy
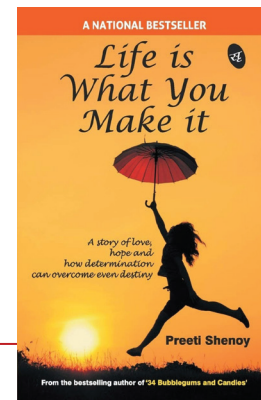
The story is all about a happy living girl Ankita and how she reaches ups and downs in her life and how she overcomes obstacles in her life.

The story begins with Ankita writing a letter from Cochin to her love interest Vaibhav (who just joined in IIT Delhi), describing the things in her new girls' college.

She makes friendship with many girls in her college and after winning the election she becomes the arts secretary of her college. She is studious and also an all-rounder in her college. In a college fest she meets Abhi and after some time unexpectedly she gets in a relationship with Abhi.

Twist arises when Abhi dies and Ankita along with her family shifts from Cochin to Mumbai when she gets a seat in a prestigious MBA college. Anyway, she feels some guilt about Abhi and Vaibhav, but she concentrates on her studies and she becomes the topper of her college.

She makes new friends, she has a perfect timetable and becomes too excited about studying, painting, jogging, writing poems etc.

But her excitement lasts for only a few days.

Ankita suffers from Bipolar disorder, the story takes a different turn.

Author Preeti Shenoy perfectly describes how badly Ankita suffers from mental depression and how she loses all her interests in life.

Ankita suffers too badly and she is even unable to read and write properly, soon she regains herself with the help of Dr. Madhusudhan and overcomes bipolar disorder.

The story ends with Ankita overcoming her mental illness and fifteen years later she marries a kind man, she gains more than 6 academic degrees and she is working as an art therapist.

The story's first half starts with college, friends and relationship and the second half describes how Ankita suffers from bipolar disorder and later how she manages herself as a strong woman overcoming bipolar disorder.

And when I was reading the depression part, I felt it was a little bit lagging, but after completing the novel I felt like the author slowed the pace for us to feel the pain of Ankita even more realistically. Anyway, the college part was also entertaining.

Author Preeti Shenoy narrated each chapter perfectly from beginning to ending and showed how life used to be in the 80's and 90's.

Overall, it's a one time read novel and at the end of the novel you will have a smile on your face.

'A story of love, hope and how determination can overcome even destiny'.

I *also write these kinds of reviews on Quora.*

HOW I BRAVED ANU AUNTY & CO-FOUNDED A MILLION DOLLAR COMPANY – VARUN AGARWAL

It is written by Varun Agarwal and he narrated his own story.

In the story, he is a recent engineering graduate and he used to spend time with his friends, in parties and in stalking his crush on Facebook. He is an average student.

His mother Poornima was worried about his life. Poornima's friend Anu (Typical Indian Aunty) has much interest in Varun's life and she took the task of enrolling him in an MBA college or to get him into an MNC.

However Varun has ideas of becoming an entrepreneur with his friend. The novel describes how Varun started his business and how he crossed all the hurdles while starting his own company and later how Varun became a successful entrepreneur in spite of listening to Anu aunty's ideas .

He Co-Founded a company named AlmaMater(A company that designs memorabilia for schools and colleges across the country).

This novel was entertaining, engaging, as well as inspiring for startups. For beginners this book is a great start to reading novels.

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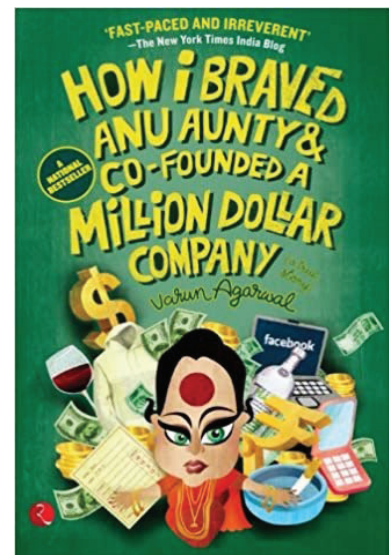
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2 STATES
- *Chetan Bhagat*

HITHER To...I didn't try to write any review of a book which I read...then I decided to write a review of the book "2 States"..,,,,the most favourite of mine

As the name suggests ,the book involves the beautiful love story of a couple belonging to two extreme states of India .The story is believed to be the real love story of the novel's author CB(chetan bhagat) and his better half .The story begins with a Punjabi boy(Krish) and a Tamil Brahmin girl(Ananya) in the mess of one of the top management institutes of India in the city of Ahmedabad .Both are graduated and get jobs with serious plans for their wedding and what follows after is their struggle to turn their love into a successful marriage by convincing their parents.

 Since the girl belongs to a strict, conservative Tamil Brahmin family, the story is narrated from a first person point of view in a humorous tone ,often taking digs at both Tamilian and Punjabi cultures.. Despite being a love story(a bit boring thing for me), the book involves comic features as well..the author has nicely portrayed the real scenario of the Indian society when it comes to the marriage of two people who belong to extreme communities, in spite of being from conservative families , convincing both families to finally agree for their marriage. The end leaves the reader with a smile on his face.......Anyways the book is a must read for all the recluse.........and it is indeed one of the best novels of CB.

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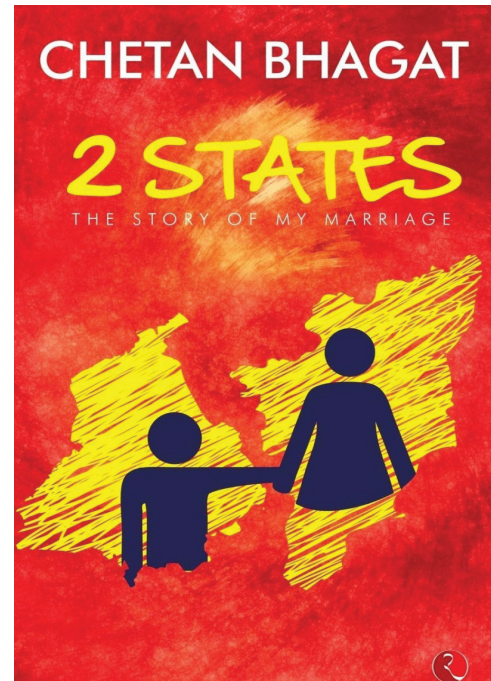
RECIPE

VEGETABLE & PANEER TANDOORI MOMOS

Ingredients

For the dough:

- 200 g plain flour
- ½ tsp salt
- 120 ml boiling water just enough to bind to a firm, smooth dough

For the filling:

- 25 g salted butter
- 1 large onion finely diced
- 2 tbsp grated ginger
- 2 cloves garlic crushed
- 3 hot red bird's eye chilies chopped finely
- 60 g white cabbage finely shredded
- 2 carrots grated
- 30 g frozen peas
- 30 g green beans chopped finely
- 180 g paneer crumbled or grated
- 1/4 tsp turmeric
- 2 spring onions chopped finely
- 2 tbsp light soy sauce
- 2 tsp light brown sugar
- tsp Sichuan peppercorns ground
- 1 tsp toasted fennel seeds ground
- Salt to taste
- 2 tsp corn flour dissolved in 2 tsp cold water

For the tandoori paste:

- 1 tsp whole coriander seeds
- 8 black peppercorns
- 2 dried Kashmiri chilies
- 2 pinches cinnamon
- 1 ½ tsp cumin seeds
- 1-star anise
- 4 cloves
- Seeds of 4 green cardamom pods
- 1 black cardamom
- 1 tsp fennel seeds
- You'll also need:
- 1 tbsp concentrated tomato puree
- Juice of ½ lemon
- 1 tbsp yogurt
- 2 tsp dark brown sugar
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 tsp grated ginger
- 1 tsp crushed garlic

Momos toppings:

- Fresh coriander chopped
- Plain yogurt
- Sliced red onions

Instructions

1. First, make the tandoori paste. Toast all the spices in a dry pan until aromatic. Grind them in a coffee grinder until super fine. Put half the ground spices in a jar and stow away for another day.

2. With the remaining half of the masala, mix in the tomato puree, lemon juice, yogurt, brown sugar, salt, ginger, and garlic. Cover and refrigerate until needed.

3. To make the filling, heat the butter in a non-stick pan. Add the chopped onion and sauté until translucent but not browned. Add in ginger, garlic, and chilies, cook for a moment and then add in the rest of the ingredients, apart from the cornflour.

4. Once the veggies and paneer have cooked down, about 10 minutes, add the cornflour and mix vigorously. The mixture should bind together. Turn out onto a plate to cool.

5. Meanwhile, make the dough. In a bowl, mix together the flour and salt. Little by little, add in the boiling water, mixing with a spoon. Once you've added in almost all the water, leave it for a few moments until cool enough to handle. Try to bind, checking if the rest of the water is required. Add more water if you need to. Bind to a smooth dough, kneading for around 8 minutes.

6. Allow resting, covered for 10 minutes.

7. Line a couple of baking trays with baking parchment.

8. Take a grape-sized piece of dough and roll it out, 3 inches in diameter. As thin as you can. Take about 2 tsp cooled filling and place it into the middle of the dough. Use your fingers to pull the dough together and pleat one side to the other, using your fingers to seal.

9. There are lots of handy YouTube videos around to help show you how to fold dumplings if you're not sure. There are so many ways to do it and you don't have to be a pro to make amazing ones. Just make sure the filling is completely sealed in. The shape is up to you.

10. Repeat this process for all the dumplings. Put a movie on, make a cup of tea,enjoy the process.

11. Once you have a tray or two of finished dumplings, you're ready to cook.

12. Preheat the oven to 220°C/430°F. Boil 150ml water in the kettle.

13. Heat a large, flat bottomed pan with a lid. Add 2 tsp oil. Arrange the dumplings in the pan – you may need to do this in batches. Allow for them to sizzle for a minute. Now very quickly and extremely carefully add hot water from the kettle to the pan – just a splash or two. Put the lid on and allow it to steam for 3 minutes on low heat.

14. Remove the lid and place the momos back onto a baking tray. Brush them with the tandoori paste you made earlier.

15. Place them in the oven for 10 minutes or until charred in places and looking delicious. You can brush them again with melted butter before you serve.

16. Tumble onto a platter and garnish with chopped coriander, sliced red onion, and plain yogurt. Serve immediately.

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TOURIST VISITS

TOURIST VISIT TO
BHATTIPROLU

When I was in Intermediate first-year summer holidays, I visited a Buddhist stupa, which is in Bhattiprolu. That Buddhist stupa is nearly 2,300 years old, and it was constructed during the time of the Mauryan empire. It is one of the ancient Buddhist stupas in the world. At that time Bhattiprolu was famous for its cloth trading. Many people from Southeast Asian countries used to come through sea routes for business purposes to Guntur and Krishna districts. During the time of British rule, a golden casket containing Buddha's image was found near this stupa by an archaeologist. I went there and observed the stupa interestingly, also reading the history of the stupa on the board which is fixed near the stupa.

After seeing this kind of historical sites, we will get a feeling that our country is exceptionally great, consisting of a lot of ancient cultural treasures. I am proud to be an Indian.

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TRIP TO
KASI

My memorable trip to Kasi. The most famous and holy place in India. I worship Lord Shiva more than other gods.

I started my journey from Vijayawada to Kasi by train. When I reached Kasi in the morning. While stepping out of the train the cool breeze which touched my face was like a god's blessing.

I was so excited to visit the holy river Ganga as there exist many ghats on its bank. The city Varanasi has 88 ghats and most of the ghats are for pooja and holy bath and ceremony sites. My dream was to undergo divine cleansing in all the ghats present there. As I was hoping that my dream must be fulfilled, I started my journey to the ghats and I first took a bath in Raja ghat and I was very curiously waiting for the Ganga Harathi which is held only in the evenings.

We believe that taking bath in Ganga river removes all the sins we did in life. I follow our culture there as it feels very special. After the bath, we went to the "KASHI VISHWANATH TEMPLE". After the darshan of Lord Shiva, I felt very happy that I got a chance to visit Kasi.

Kasi is the most beautiful and devotional place in India. Everyone must visit Kasi at least once in their lifetime and have darshan of Lord Shiva. The feelings of visiting Kasi can't be expressed in words. Hope god gives everyone a chance to visit Kasi and god's blessings will stay with us always.

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DOWN THE MEMORY LANE

A TOWER
UNKNOWN TO MANY

An invention, what happened? Why was it demolished? What reasons lead a great invention to demolition? Did any antagonist impose any fake news? All the 'WH' questions will be answered right here.

Nikola Tesla stepped into the 20th century, at the last stage of his scientific life. He wanted to realize the Nikola Tower, commonly known as Wardenclyffe tower, a global communication system. He got permission for his project in 1901, but later this project got side-tracked which led to the scientific and economic downfall of the venture.

Tesla was determined to bring life to his dream, Wireless telecommunication system. In the year 1900, he sought financing from J.P Morgan during 1901. He decided to invest $150,000 for the construction of Wardenclyffe Tower.

Morgan was very much impressed by the achievements of G Marconi, who was Tesla's rival in the technology race, but Tesla succeeded in pulling him into this project. Tesla Added "we can be able to call anyone from the desk we are sitting at throughout the globe", which got everyone convinced.

Tesla's Vision

He was very clear and he imagined the information society in which we are currently living. A small invention which can be put in a pocket that can make us listen to any music, hear anywhere, listen to any political speech irrespective of how distant we are, along with this we can share and receive images and drawings.

With the help of Morgan's investment, Tesla bought the 200 acre land on an island near New York, large generators and electrical transformers from Westinghouse Electric company and he hired the architect Stanford White. They both came up with a 187 feet wooden tower with a hemispherical metal dome with 68 feet in diameter, along with this a house for research laboratories and other functionalities of the tower.

The Tower was to begin in August, but Tesla had already changed his idealizations as Marconi had already succeeded in managing to transmit radio signals between France and England. In June, Marconi published some details of his transmission technology in magazine ELECTRICAL REVIEW, this publication mentioned about the Tesla coils connected to ground which lead Tesla lost in thoughts that Marconi was copying his idea.

Theory without Evidence

In 1899, during his inventions he succeeded to wirelessly light bulbs where he had powered up a large "TESLA COIL". He believed that he achieved the terrestrial resonance he wanted which he thought can work for any distance. Which makes him capable to prove his ideas and gain upper hand over Marconi. Later, Tesla came up with a proposal to Morgan that not only sent messages across the globe but he would also transmit electricity to any distance without cables.

To achieve this, he felt that he would need a tower almost double the height (300 feet) and, of course, much more money. Morgan refused to increase the investment and Tesla had to start the construction of the Wardenclyffe Tower in September 1901, sticking to the original plan. Two months later, the project received another blow when Marconi had managed to transmit the letter "S" in Morse code across the ocean, from England to Canada. In that era of financial uncertainty, investors preferred to bet on the Marconi system, which, having been less ambitious, had achieved historic success.

Tesla never gave up. He finished the Wardenclyffe Tower in 1902 and carried out experiments there until 1905, without managing to launch his beloved telecommunications station, the first of a great worldwide network. That year his Alternating Current patents expired where this was the remaining source of funding. Tesla made a second mortgage of Wardenclyffe tower…

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STEPHEN HAWKING

A LEGEND

Stephen Hawking, a household name, a person who advanced quantum physics to a height unheard of, a shining light for disabled people, has passed away. Stephen William Hawking was born on 8th January 1942 in Oxford, England to Frank and Isobel Hawking. His father was head of the division of parasitology at the National Institute for Medical Research, his mother Isobel worked as a secretary for a medical research institute.

PERSONAL LIFE

Stephen Hawking was married first in July 1965 to Jane Wilde. He had three children with her: Lucy, Timothy, Robert. Jane was an author of many famous books such as Travelling to Infinity: My Life with Stephen and Music to Move the Stars: A Life with Stephen. Lucy had co-authored with Stephen for the series George's Secret Key Collection and is a famous journalist and educator. Robert is a prominent British software engineer. Timothy is a marketer for the toy company LEGO. Stephen and Jane divorced in 1995. He then married Elaine Mason, his nurse for many years, in September 1995 saying " It's wonderful – I have married the woman I Love". He then divorced her in 2006.

HIS DISABILITY

Why does the name of Stephen Hawking invoke an image of an old guy in a wheelchair? Well... that is due to the greatest mind of generation suffering due to slow progressing form of ALS(Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) a motor neuron disease that had slowly paralysed him over decades. He experienced clumsiness in his last year at Oxford. At the age of 21, in 1963, he was diagnosed with ALS. He was given a life expectancy of 2 years(goes to show will power will go a long way). A couple of years later, his physical abilities declined, he started using crutches and no longer gave lectures regularly. Soon he couldn't write properly. Hawking was fiercely independent and unwilling to accept help or make concessions for his disabilities. At the end of the decade, he was forcibly persuaded to use a wheelchair. Also due to his disease, he slowly became unintelligible. By the late 1970s, he could only be understood by his close friends and family. Later, when he completely lost his voice , he selected words from a word bank of 2500 to 3000 words. Later, he used an adaptive word predictor made by SwiftKey.

DEATH

Stephen Hawking died in his home in Cambridge, English, early in the morning of 14 March 2018, at the age of 76. His family stated that he "died peacefully ". A shockwave of disbelief travelled throughout the world, stunning everyone He was eulogised by figures in science, entertainment, politics, and other areas. The Gonville and Caius College flag flew at half-mast and a book of condolences was signed by students and visitors. Hawking was born on the 300th anniversity of Galileo's death and died on the 139th anniversary of Einstein's birth. His private funeral took place at 2 pm on the afternoon of 31 March 2018, at Great St Mary's Church., Cambridge. He wanted the Bekenstein-Hawking entropy equation to be his epitaph and said so at least fifteen years prior to his death.

KNOWN FOR

We all know Stephen Hawking. Why? He is the greatest physicist of our age and for a good reason. He is the foremost expert in General Relativity. He is the most famous genius in the modern age. Due to

thermodynamics. He was burdened by ALS, yet he showed the whole world he was still great. He is also best known for:

Hawking radiation, A Brief History of Time, Penrose—Hawking theorem, Bekenstein—Hawking formula, Hawking energy

REMEMBER HIM,

THE AMBASSADOR OF

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QUEEN OF ENGLAND

ELIZABETH 1 -THE BOLD QUEEN

Queen Elizabeth -I is the queen of England and Ireland, Daughter of King Henry -VIII and Queen Anne Boleyn. She is also called the Virgin Queen. There is a special cause for that name is she never married in her life. She ruled the kingdom of England and Ireland by herself. She only trusted herself. She is not only brave but also a very intellectual lady. Every person whether it's a queen or a peasant everybody has their fair share of misery and sorrows in their lives like our bold queen. Let's find out her life story in brief.

THE TRAGIC CHILDHOOD:

Henry -VIII loved Anne Boleyn so much and married her expecting that she would give him a son but the god chooses something else. On September 7th, 1533, Anne Boleyn gave birth to a beautiful baby girl and named her Elizabeth, when Henry heard the news he was very disappointed that he didn't come to see his daughter. After that, he sentenced Anne Boleyn to the suspicious Death that she was having an affair with another man. So, Elizabeth grew without a mother at a very tender age and was raised by her stepmother Catherin Parr. Elizabeth is a special child and a bright student. From the age of 4, she started studying languages and learned French, Italian, Latin, and Greek. Due to bad

intentions of Catherine's new husband, Thomas Seymour, as he conspired to marry Elizabeth for power. Elizabeth had to return to Royal estate to Hatfield. Later Lord Thomas Seymour felt guilty and embarrassed.

THE GAME OF THRONES:

Later Henry-VIII died and his son Edward -VI claimed the throne. But God had other plans. Edward-VI was suffering from tuberculosis and death awaited him. So, after his death, his step-sister Mary-I of England had to claim the throne according to his father's desire but Edward didn't want Mary to become the queen as she is despicable . He decided to change the will and choose his 16-year-old cousin Lady Jane Grey. She didn't last long as people wanted Mary as their queen and later Mary claimed the throne, beheading the former queen at the Hill Tower. Mary is a catholic lady and believed in Christianity but Elizabeth is a protestant. Elizabeth also conspired against Mary with the help of Sir Thomas Wyatt.

But Sir Thomas' army collapsed and later beheaded at the tower hill now its Elizabeth's turn and she was brought to White Hall where she was kept under control. At first, she was interrogated then decided to send her to the tower. The night before her execution Elizabeth begged Mary for her life. Mary knew she was involved in the plot but Elizabeth cleverly covered all the tracks. Without the appropriate proofs, there is no way Mary could take the risk of executing Elizabeth. So,

Elizabeth was locked up for almost a year before Mary summoned her to the court. Mary's husband Philip-II of Spain decided to marry Elizabeth with the catholic prince the duke of savoy for the sake of throne but Elizabeth fiercely resisted Philip's plans as she didn't want to be anyone's puppet.

HER REIGN HAD BEGUN:

Ten days before Mary's death she announced Elizabeth as her successor Due to the pressure of her council.

On Wednesday 23rd of November Elizabeth became the queen of England and rode to Charterhouse in London to take possession of her capital. Lords, Ladies, and vast cheerful crowds greeted her arrival. Elizabeth approached her astrologer Dr. John Dean for the coronation. He chooses 15th January 1559, Sunday for her coronation. Successively 3 crowns were put on her head and on her 4th finger a ring as a symbol of the mystical marriage between Elizabeth and her kingdom.

FIGHTING THE MALE DOMINATED SOCIETY:

As days go by Elizabeth realized the duties that should be done by a woman. After all, she was a woman and her duty was to produce an heir to the throne as early as possible. But Elizabeth never really wanted a man to rule her kingdom; she wanted to rule the kingdom by herself as a king. So, to this, she needs some powerful men to help her do it.

1. First-person was "William Cecil" as the secretary of the state. He was 38, serious, brilliant with an instinctive grasp of politics and fierce loyalty to the queen. He was always dressed in black and rode a mule for modesty.

2. In the household, there was a master of horse and the man responsible for queen safety. Elizabeth appointed the son of the traitor duke "Robert Dudley" his father was executed and family has been tainted.

Dudley and Elizabeth had known each other since childhood. They have also met each other in the prison at the time of late Queen Mary's reign.

There is a rumor that Dudley is the secret love interest of Queen Elizabeth as she showed much interest in him and she allowed him to do whatever he wanted. Lord William is also concerned about Dudley's behavior; he had become intolerant day by day.

At the time of her reign, England was surrounded by enemies and her military was weak. So, marriage is the only way to get an alliance. Lord William set up the pressure on the queen to marry the worthy princes but she was hard to get due to some political reasons and some personal issues too. By now everybody knew about what was going on with queen and Dudley. It was a scandalous relationship as Dudley is married and his wife was dying. One day Lady Dudley was found dead on the staircase with a broken neck. So, now queen Elizabeth kept her reputation in mind and banished Dudley reluctantly from the court.

MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS AND HER EXECUTION:

When Queen Elizabeth fell sick due to smallpox everyone was worried because neither she was married nor announced her successor. In the meanwhile a new enemy was on her way, who was the cousin of Elizabeth who arrived at the scots after she became a widow to Francis, Dauphin of France and her name is Queen Mary.

Eventually, Queen Elizabeth recovered and the first thing she did was appointed Lord Protector in the name of her death and it's none other than Robert Dudley.

There was a great threat to England if Catholic Queen Mary of scots married an enemy of England. So, Queen Elizabeth requested diplomatic talks with scots.

Queen Elizabeth also thought it would be safe for England if Queen Mary married Robert Dudley but Queen Mary refused her proposal and married Henry Stuart Lord Darnley and gave birth to a boy and named him James.

But Mary's triumph didn't last and Darnley showed his true nature. He was arrogant, a drunk, and a psychopath. He also murdered Queen Mary's secretary David Rizzio thinking that she had an affair with him by stabbing him 56 times in front of her. Within a few days, Darnley was murdered . Mary was abducted by the murderer of Darnley who is her close ally James Hepburn of Bothwell, eventually, she had to marry him and for that, she had to pay her price. All the Scottish nobles rose against her in Bothwell and imprisoned her at Loch Leven Castle. She lost her crown, her son, and her liberty. Mary escaped her prison and fled off to England for protection but her arrival made Queen Elizabeth a bit terrified because she made the Catholics in favor of her. So, she was imprisoned again but this time it was for 18 years. In the north Earl's began to burn protestant bibles and began doing catholic rituals and this was a threat to the queen. The ultimate goal was to free Mary Queen of Scots. But ultimately Elizabeth won and nearly 700 Catholics northern earl's were murdered including Northumberland.

 At last Mary Queen of Scots had been beheaded for treason and her son James-VI calmly accepted her execution as he was promised by Queen Elizabeth that if he let go of his mom then he would get the Kingdom.

And was made the heir to England, Scotland and Ireland making him James-VI of England after the legend Queen Elizabeth died of sepsis on 24th March 1603.

FINAL WORDS:

Elizabeth reigned for 44 years, she had beaten off a rebellion she had resisted the pressure to marry and she survived alone.

THE END

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MENTAL HEALTH
AND **SELF LOVE**

We get so annoyed with the caller tunes during this pandemic. But as far as we know, they have been heard by no one properly. The caller tune mentions a Toll-free number for mental health help. Some questions raised, "Does Mental health play a crucial role in this period?". Then with some research, we got to know some facts, which amuse us.

"Around 2000 calls have been received every day," says GHCM.

Covid-19 takes a toll on mental health of many
09 Jul, 2020, 11.16 PM IST
NIMHANS had started a helpline to provide psychological support from mental health professionals to different target groups such as children, adults, women and elderly soon after the lockdown was clamped from March 25.

Government launches helpline for mental health issues during lockdown
29 Mar, 2020, 07.10 PM IST
"We are under a lockdown and behavioural issues are very important under such situations. It is a new process. If there are any behavioural issues, lack of understanding for that we at the National Institute of Mental Health in Bangalore in collaboration with all other institutes has been trying to provide guidance.

World Health Organization

Mental health and psychosocial considerations during the COVID-19 outbreak

"We got a call from a mother whose daughter is getting treated for schizophrenia, she was worried about her daughter being locked home all day. It's already hard to handle her, but we gave her tips on how to engage her in the house, help with chores, and feel involved and occupied," says Murshid.

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After hearing these kinds of news, we get to the conclusion that people are facing MENTAL HEALTH issues.

When you just hear about Mental Health, the immediate word which will be coined in your brain is " Mind ", something related to the brain, it's relaxation and captivating thoughts.

When I typed the word Mental Health

This was the result
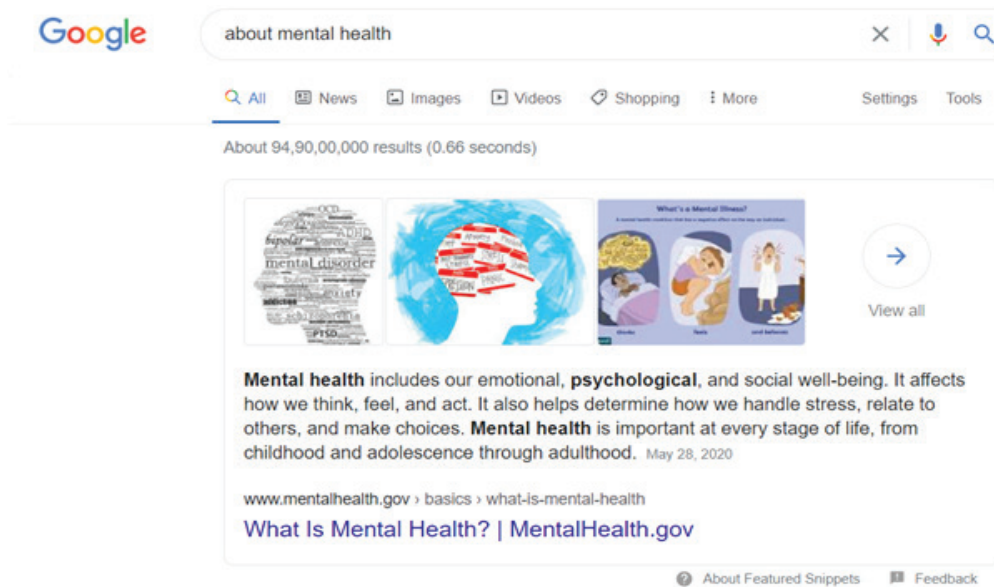
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Mental health plays an imperative role in every human being. This Pandemic gave so many advantages and one of them is to recognize mental health issues that have been left unseen by this busy world. According to WHO a potential doctor says " The real issue of Mental health will be faced during post-pandemic".Additionally, Dr. Petsanis says " Unless we act now to address the mental health needs associated with the pandemic, there will be enormous long-term consequences for families, communities and societies.". With this, we can culminate that mental health issues are evidently prevailing in this dark period of time.

COVID -19 gives a positive note to people all over the world, to be strong with the mind, and then things will fall into place eventually.

People have gone through economic crises, unemployment, health disorders, faced failures, but at the same time, people got a chance to explore their caliber, the pure souls which were hidden in this competitive world. Certainly, the world was given a pause, but some great spirits have awakened and found the alternatives for their current problems. This pandemic gave fervor to pass all the hurdles throughout the world.

The short case studies are:

1. Mumbai is one such place, which is known for its tangy street food, due to a pandemic more than 2,50,000 street food vendors were in very bad condition. When an organization's leads spoke with few vendors, they understood the plight of people in this pandemic. One of them was a Pani Puri vendor. He was well known for his numerous varieties of PANI PURI. He was left jobless for months due to the pandemic; and he started a new business of masks and sanitizers. He learned stitching and earned a penny by his new talent. Now his survival is just a piece of cake.

2. Yashraj Mukhate, a well-known singer, is just flourishing in all the social media platforms with a small remix. He pursued engineering but followed his heart and that made him a passionate singer, who proved his talent through remix music and entertained millions of people by his 0.40 min video. He believed in himself, gave trails, and bagged 936k followers.

3. Amid this pandemic, many firms didn't hire for jobs in some sectors but it gave the best opportunities for others like Share business, Transcript jobs, Designing, Online tutoring, and Freelancing which helped a large section of people to avail these kinds of opportunities.

4. "The Coronavirus: What you Need to Know about the Global Pandemic" has been written by Dr. Rajesh M. Parikh, Director of Medical Research and Honorary Neuropsychiatrist at the Jaslok Hospital & Research Centre, Mumbai; Dr. Swapneil Parikh, a practicing physician in Mumbai and the co-founder of a healthcare start-up; and Maherra Desai, a clinical psychologist and medical researcher. In this way, a doctor and a physician joined their hands to give a knowledgeable piece of work. This will be a preeminent work and gives a paramount history to the future generations about 2020.

By these case studies, we can conclude that if the brain is strong, we can excel in our lives and touch the stars in the sky. If we are mentally strong, we can make our family strong, give a trust to be loved ones also fight for extremes

" Confidence comes naturally with success, but success comes to those who have confidence in themselves". These case studies not only inspire but give a moral being self-confident and self-loving can make anyone remarkable.

"With realization of one's **own potential** and **self-confidence** in one's ability, one can build **a better world**."

- Dalai Lama

Goalcast

"Your greatest responsibility is to love yourself and to know you are enough."

When we love something, we try to achieve it by hook or crook. It's high time we achieved the hidden you who has vanished under a dark mask. Everyone desires to remove the mask and wish for normalcy. But COVID -19 gives us a beautiful message to remove the mask from the original you and lets you be normal, the one who is hidden in the bottom of hearts, who is not in the present world. The man who is behind his tears, who kept his desires away and running for illusions which are not meant in this world.
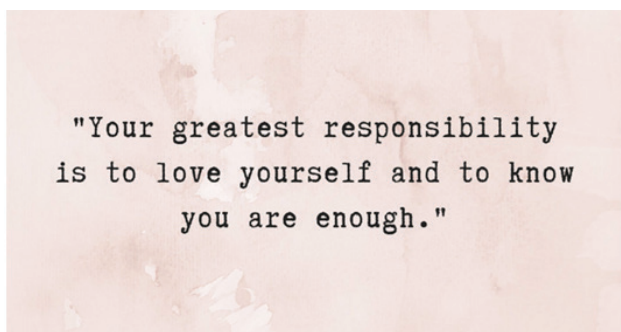
Let your mind and thoughts revoke the inner you.

Stay strong!

Stay safe!

Believe in #self-love.

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ABYSS

A painful scenery of a war-torn landscape, thrust into poverty, with all the despair in the world tagging along. Harmony is a lot to ask for, in this grief-stricken panorama, with a severe drought of happiness and resources as well. The fear of letting a bullet touch one's skin keeps the people trembling with fear all day long, and then they see missiles being dropped from the sky, making them question their conviction in life. A lot of courage should be summoned to step out and buy a loaf of bread from a store, but to utter astonishment, one could also see some markets being looted by hordes of dacoits. To everyone's chagrin, hiding faces from daylight and darkness alike turned common, or necessary indeed. And more importantly, lives have come to be valued in mere numbers, with them dropping everyday in the book. Families mirrored the shattered, separated and subdued flocks and packs of animals. Injuries, even the ones that have been put off as petty back then, are being taken care of as if they are fatal. All in all, man has forgotten peace and all the smiles have left his face. Metaphorically, our lives are hardly different from this.

All the papers bearing everyone's wonderfully built schemes for the entire year were blown to dust by the prevalence of an uninvited phantom, having no other plot but to invoke an upheaval of all sorts. A malicious entity that a pupil can never spot, has grown multifold, taking over the planet, leaving the civilization in ashes. Holding heart in hands is all we are left able to do, with the streetlights glowing only to find empty roads underneath. Excusing a sneeze is the last thing one could do in this pandemic-stricken era, where cautiousness is held in high regard, for no other achievement can now define a person's ability to survive a minute longer. Affluence, though trying its best to exhibit exemplary preventive intent, nonetheless failed to fill the lethal burrow with wealth, between survival and safety. With no cause to blame and no cure shot to fame, humankind is shell-shocked to see itself crumbling to debris. Affinity among the social clusters is disrupted to such an extent, where people are forced to pull themselves through this dark time even if they have to stop their dearest visitors at the door. Not only the bones, but also the souls have been hit hard by this seemingly never-ending toxicity subsuming them.

Even the strongest hearts are being reduced to tears, at the sight of their loved ones suffering from horrifying plight, shackled by the inability to at least whisper their hope to them. Mere thought of coming across an elegiac sight, is striking fear in everyone, putting off the thought of turning the telly on. Poverty has taken control of many lives, forcing occupations to be disavowed and playing a dreadful game of despair with hundreds of migrants. Economy is shattered, in its best, and unimaginably tormenting the ambitions of even the most powerful bodies. Irrespective of holding a mouse or a sickle in hand, breadwinners are being shown the door time and again, completely leaving the thread open in dilemma. The prospect of shutters closing down has become as familiar as the sound of a quiet breeze running through the barren grounds in a silenced village. The rarity of a parent returning home from work and taking their loving toddler into their hands, rings the bells, warning us of a sinister havoc.

Amidst a crisis as horrible as this, saviours in white coats, armoured with glassy shields and carrying their duty of saving millions of lives on their shoulders, are working round the tedious clock, without a second thought against putting themselves in risk and sacrificing even the tiniest moments of harmony with their families. The numbers kept racking up and the pressure on them continued augmenting storeys everyday. But there was never a second that ticked with them being put down by the chaos all over. Neither have they given up even on the most critical challenge they faced nor was there a sign of worry, stigmatizing their sheer will to save the day. If not for their services, cataclysmic erosion of health and life would already have written history. Every individual, trying to find a way out of this egregious maze, is to be lauded. Many preventive measures have been ingrained in all the circles, with citizens required to step up to save themselves and their kin, to wake up as warriors once this strenuous hibernation ends.

With that being said, the inveterate desire in a human to triumph over adversity is never lost. Finding glimmers of hope in the most distraught scenarios is a trait that sheds light on our lineage, that has also been plagued by large periods of monstrous ailments. Falling a step behind is never a new game for us, as we always had the last laugh against myriad antagonists. The pain a letdown showboats, is a propulsion towards a greater height indeed. Bricks are being cemented again for a rebuild, which could summon the strongest versions of ourselves, but would guarantee a gratifying return. It might be a vaccine that would give us the ultimate victory, but it all starts with a resilient resolve.

An oath to not break the rules of safety, an oath to educate the world to do the same and an oath to take humanity a step closer to the finish line in this race against this severe setback, is all that is needed to dream of a day where the sun shines bright again on our ever-striving planet!

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RENAISSANCE HEALS THE WORLD

"Every rebirth comes to the world with a cry, the cry of the human spirit to be free. A cry that further leads to living." The world is moving forward relentlessly, and so are we. We are all confident enough about our accessibilities. Suddenly, an unusual rife sabotaged our freedom. The first impression we all had on the COVID – 19 pandemic was that it seized our liberty. Our surroundings had deserted overnight. A father doubted how he could feed his family amid these restrictions. Slowly, we are losing loved ones and fellow humans. We started to cry, and the cry led to introspection. Yes, the pandemic has paused us awhile and asked us to introspect and come up with a solution. A solution to renew our outmoded world. A "Post – COVID World."

Before the pandemic, most of us lived a scheduled life. A job with a clocked routine, a movie for entertainment, an eatery for relaxation, a meetup for enjoyment, and this is a cycle. We are so busy sitting and talking to our loved ones at home. The pandemic has strengthened our relations. It made us do nothing extraordinary but to revisit our memory lane, the life we lived, and the experiences we had to date. Post pandemic, we all go out and experience a past life. We go to workspaces, theaters, eateries, etc. But we should not ignore our relations. Your relations are the reflection of the world you see.

We are seeing many people losing their lives due to the pandemic. Never did we expect a fellow human's body that cannot be touched and cremated properly even by their loved ones. We are praying the almighty to end this massive destruction. It is proof that the pandemic has brought back humanity in us, which is in mute mode. Though we are restricted, knowingly or unknowingly our life is moving forward with the help of every profession. This time, every breadwinner has worked for society rather than for his family at the cost of their own life. A doctor, engineer, scavenger, cremator, and every other professional is contributing in uplifting the world. The pandemic taught us to respect every person and career regardless of their social status.

The Middle Ages of Europe (fifth – thirteenth century) was full of robberies, murders, assaults, and holocausts. In 1347, the Plague epidemic had arrived in Europe. It is called the "Black Death." The Bubonic Plague had killed around fifty million people in Europe. Then, the people started understanding that everything in life is temporary. The epidemic has established a civic sense and self-discipline in the European people. Further, "The Renaissance" had become the result of it. The Renaissance had helped Europe culturally, politically, and economically to flourish.

Back then, when we all used to be kids, we used to be pumped up to attend the school post-summer break. We used to organize new books in a bag, buy a brand-new uniform, shoes, and so forth. Our minds used to be filled with fresh thoughts and excitement to see the new classroom and meet new friends. Post-COVID times are going to be the same. It is an excitement that we have got the chance to redesign our world. It is high time for the "Renaissance" to take place all over the world.

Pandemic has taught us many things to improve ourselves as human beings. Let us all implement its teachings. Let us maintain good relations with our family and fellow human beings. Let us respect every breadwinner in this society. Let us not judge the book by its cover. Let us keep our surroundings clean and follow the guidelines. Let us help Mother Earth heal by controlling the pollution. Let us sincerely work for the society. The post COVID world may not be the same for every person. People who survived would be excited to see the world, and those who lost their loved ones feel nothing excited. It is a concoction of different perspectives. But if we are successful in designing the world like Europe after the plague epidemic, it will be a great tribute to the pandemic warriors. Let us bring renaissance all over the world. A common man cannot anticipate the future post the pandemic. But architecting the future world is in our hands. Let us all be optimists and turn this pandemic into a blessing in disguise.

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PREVENTION IS
BETTER THAN CURE

Better be safe than sorry. In times like this, a small chance taken is still a life put at risk. We have to follow certain norms to keep not only ourselves but also others from being affected by Coronavirus.

First of all, what is an epidemic? An EPIDEMIC is a disease that affects a large number of people within a community, population, or region. What is a pandemic? A PANDEMIC is an epidemic that's spread over multiple countries or continents. What is endemic? An ENDEMIC is something that belongs to a particular group of people or country. Lastly, what is an outbreak? An OUTBREAK is a greater-than-anticipated increase in the number of endemic cases. It can also be a single case in a new area. If it's not quickly controlled, an outbreak can become an epidemic.

Now, what is COVID 19? It is an epidemic that turned into a pandemic quite soon. We are all in this together. We can fight the virus and not let it touch us by following the remedies given below:

1. It is extremely important to wash your hands every 30 minutes or so with soap and water. Also, make sure to sanitize your hands with an alcohol-based sanitizer.

2. You must gargle regularly with lukewarm water and salt.

3. Increase the intake of citrus fruits or vegetables with high vitamin C content like oranges, amla, strawberries, sweet lime, spinach, etc. Vitamin C not only helps in repairing worn out tissues and building immunity, it is also an antioxidant, which prevents cancer and heart disease.

4. If you cannot get enough natural sources, take a vitamin C tablet regularly.

5. Make a concoction with turmeric milk, Giloy water, Black pepper, Ginger, and Tulsi tea, and have it every morning. This is good for the entire family.

6. Practice proper exercise or pranayama. Especially breathing exercises like Bharastika, Anulom Vilom Pranayama, Savasana, Kapalbhati Pranayama, Nadi Shodhan Pranayama.

7. Have properly balanced meals at regular intervals, and try adding garlic-ginger-chili paste to the meals you take.

8. Step up Magnesium intake: this helps in keeping your heart healthy, maintaining your immune system, and bone health. It is mainly found in whole grains, nuts, fresh fruit, and vegetables.

9. Traditional Indian sattu (jaw or chana powder) buttermilk/water is a great source of protein, and also a probiotic.

If you follow at least 50% of the above-mentioned remedies, you can lower the risk of getting affected by the virus. Stay safe.

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SAILING THROUGH THE STORM

People said we are in the same boat and we are all in this together, but it isn't like that. The reality is we all were hit by the same storm, but yours might be shipwrecked and mine might not be. For some, it was a moment of reflection, of re-connection, and rest whereas for some, life took a standstill with pain in their heart and mind all strained.

Everything changed. There was news everywhere but nothing pleasing to hear. On some days, the forest was on fire and on the other days, there were floods in the city. The sidewalks were empty, the bars and cafes too. The city was quiet with heads filled with arguing voices. The virus is scary and our heart is full of fear. Six months ago, none of us could have imagined how our world and our lives could be thrown into turmoil.

The youth of today tend to consider themselves invincible with the energy and enthusiasm they hold within. The generation that lives saying "YOLO" to compensate for the stupid things they do. The day is spent with plugs in ears and hands glued to mobiles, aimlessly scrolling through our social media. Though life seems easy, who knows a silent generation that sits texting by their latest mobiles is a stream of consciousness seeking validation every day.

This situation isn't normal and it is no big surprise that people are becoming more depressed and anxious. This quarantine made them spend so much time with themselves, that a growing mind of a teen built up a whole new world in his or her head. This quarantine is taking away their sense of control. Hence the world they built cannot be a paradise. The pressure of being judged and constant labels weighed down their confidence and is crushing their self-esteem. Waking up to no targets in the day has made things even worse.

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The period of 2020 is a shaky transition and all that has to be done to make this roller coaster fun and easier is to be heard and directed. Many of us haven't had a chance to process it, to think through how we feel about it, and present their side to the world. There is a lot to learn from the present world situation. Those lost months will never come back, but amidst the chaos, all we need to find is the control of the ship and learn to maintain a balance and get through it.

Believe it or not, never in your life are you going to have so much time to concentrate on developing yourself and knowing your worth. You can re-watch your favourite childhood shows, learn to bake desserts that you crave for, pick a new hobby, watch a lot of movies, dance to your happy tunes, stay in your pyjamas all day, take no bath, eat junk, be a complete mess, and still be the happiest.
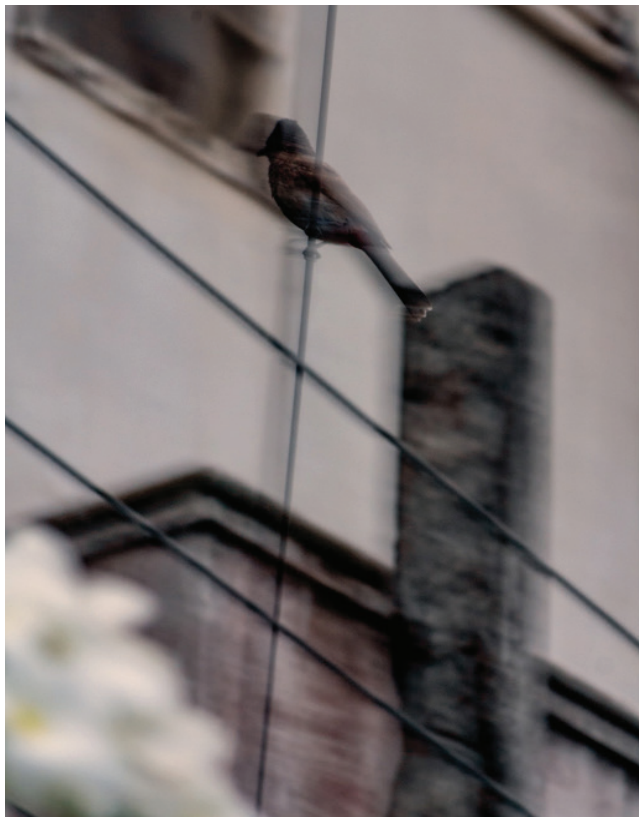
Happiness isn't found by seeking validation from the world. It's okay if you're struggling. We are all different. We deal with our problems in our way. But we must make sure that we take control of the mind before it starts to control us to prevent the ship from sinking.
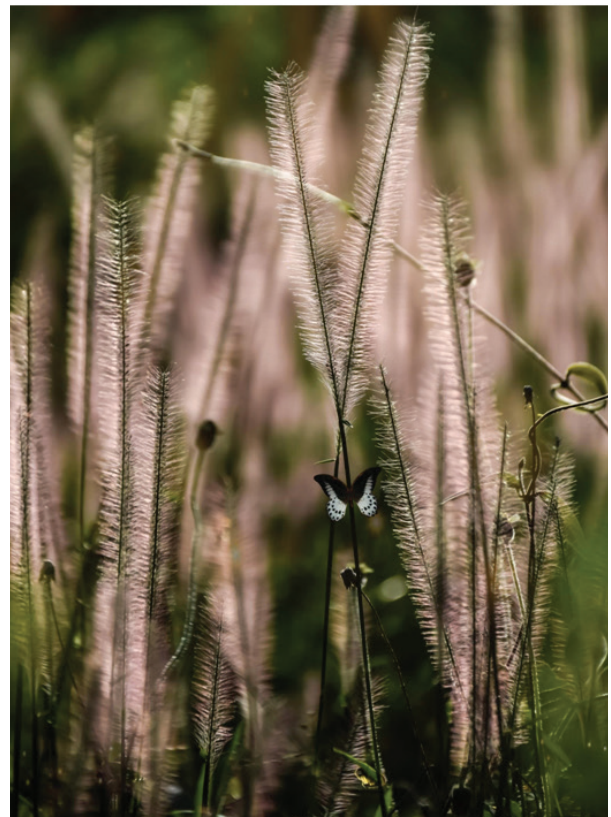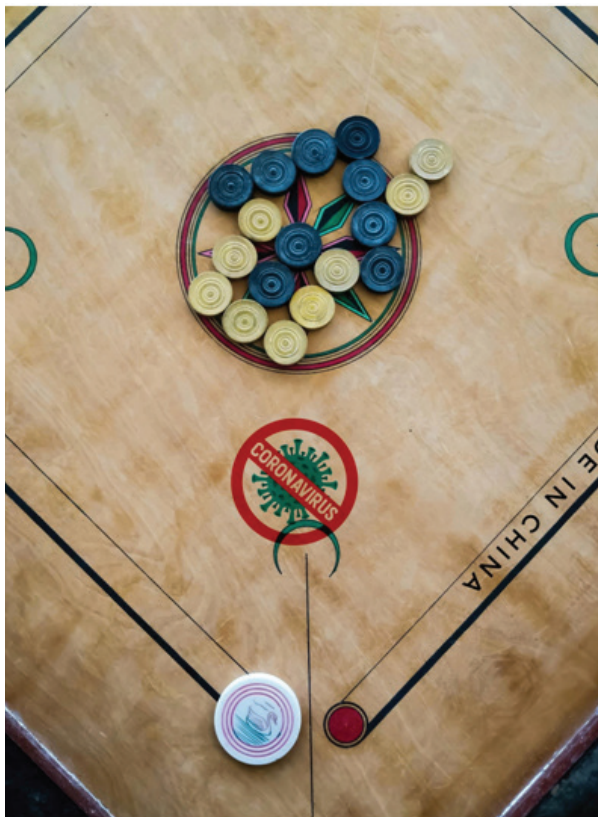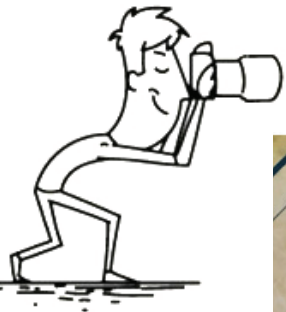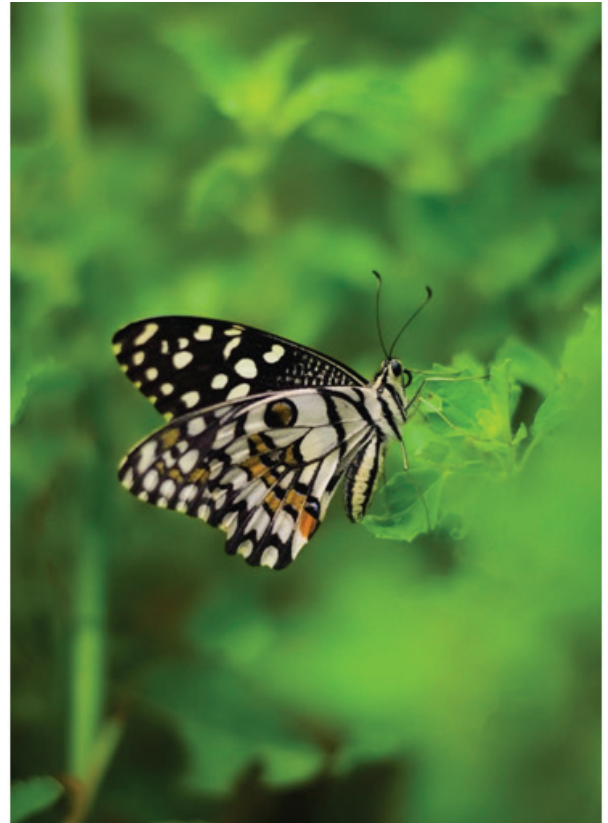
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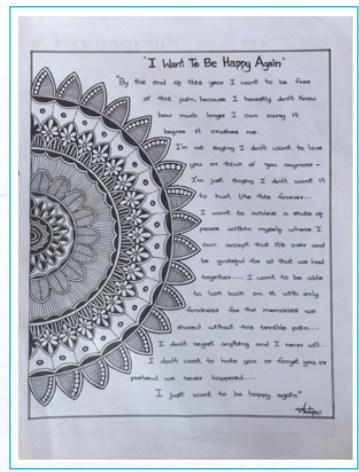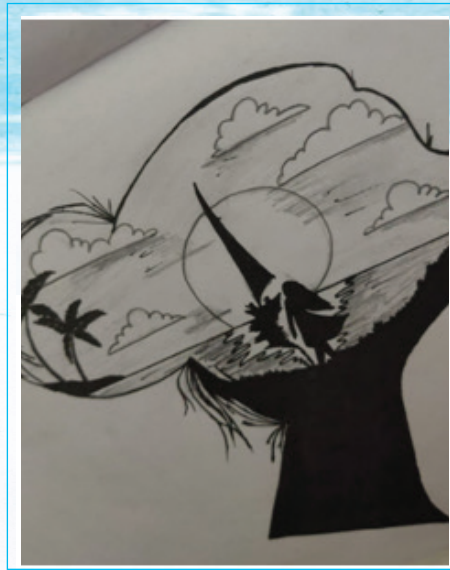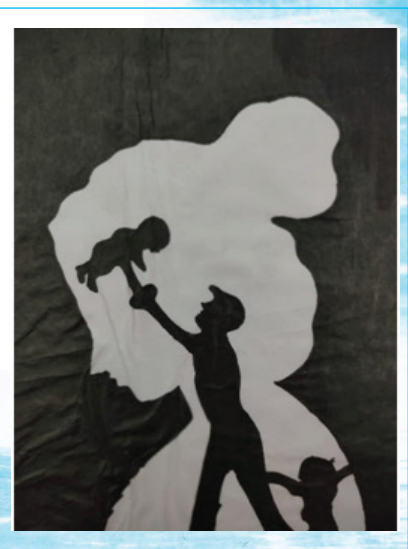**Devalla Siva Teja**
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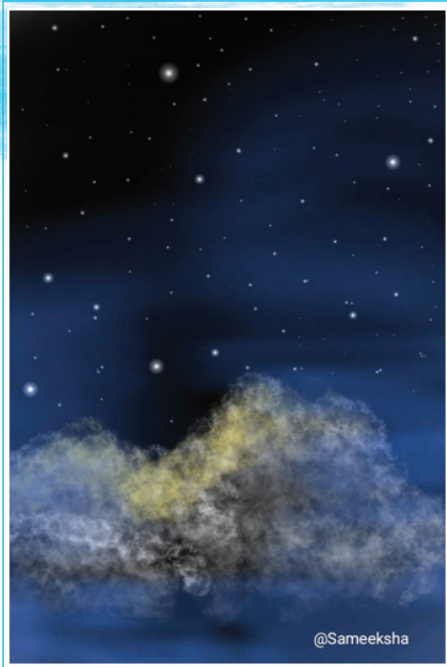**170031463**

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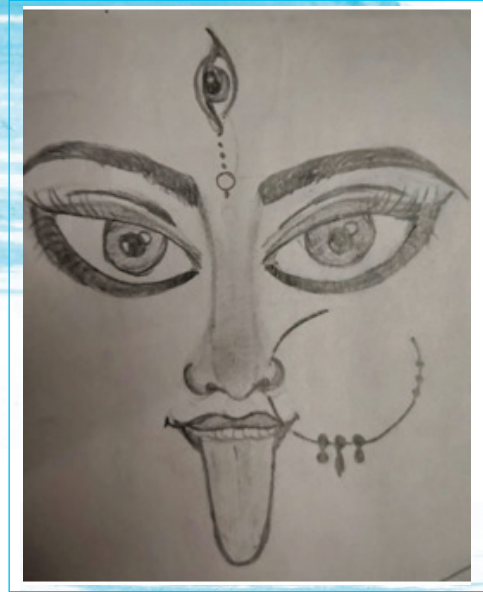
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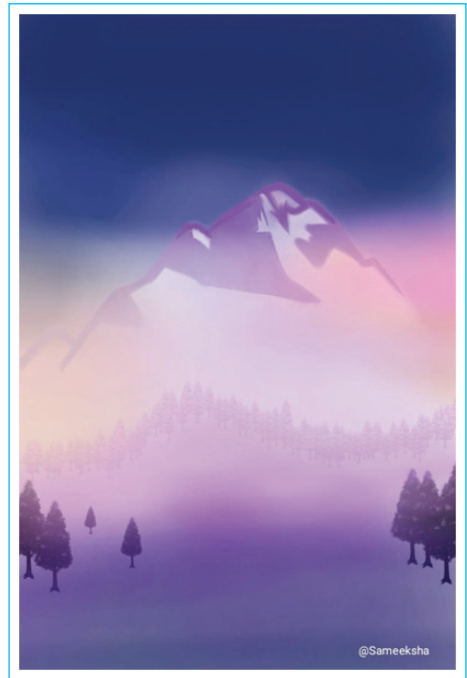
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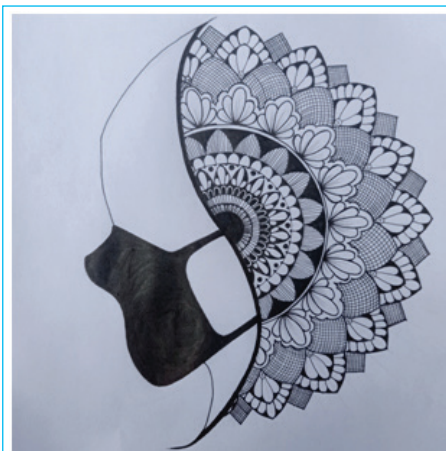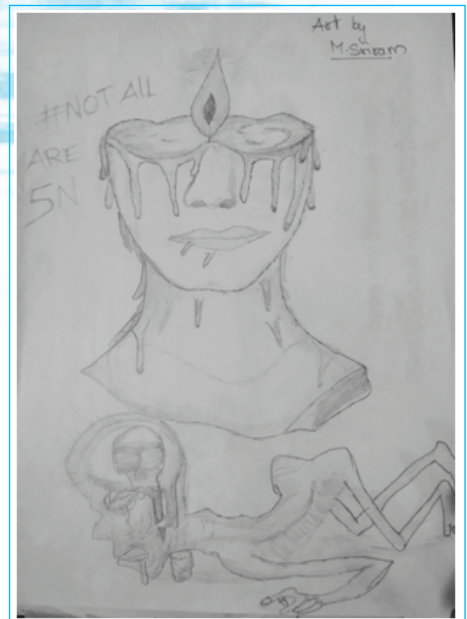
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"After all, words are our most inextinguishable source of Magic!"

Aditya Velluri
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"Your state of being is your offering to this earth. Light it up through laughter."

Hema Sanga
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"Counting the stars and trying to define life, shoulder all the futility in this creation."

Sai Manoj Tekumalla
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"This world is a miracle by itself, but you'll not see it until you realise you're one yourself."

A. Manogna
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"Finding peace in my chaos has brought the true meaning to my inner self."

P. S. V. P. Aishwarya
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"Trust the process, one day at a time."

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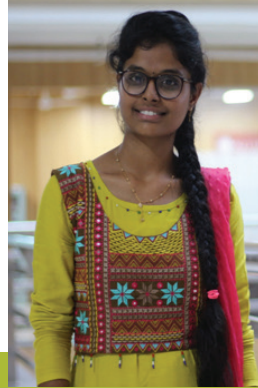"Where you are one among a million, or one in a million. Be the Best."

T. Bhavana Reddy
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"Never stop doing your best just because someone doesn't give you credit."

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"Don't die until you do! Whatever comes, face it!!"

S. V. Dharani Reddy
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"Be unapologetically you."

Himani Agarwal
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"Rather than trying to fit in, try being one of a kind and never stop loving yourself. Self love is never selfish."

K. Goutami
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"By the time the moon takes over, we fall tired devoid of all the zeal. But the next morning, we rise and make a run for it..!"

Jai Prathik Reddy S
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"Everyone's life is a fairytale, written by God's fingers!"

M. Krishna Vamsi
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−"A little boy is seen grieving over the ungiven star in his notebook. That day, even he wouldn't have imagined that he himself would become one, years later...."

Lahari Yadlapalli
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"Accept what it is, let go of what it was, and have faith in what it will be."

S Pavan Sai
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"The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese."

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"Find freedom in the inevitable solitude of this existence."

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"Stay true to the cause, even when the time is not happyifying. Success would cross your path eventually."

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"Be a mess of gorgeous things which no one can ever find."

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"We change the world not by what we say or do, but as a consequence of what we have become."

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"Never lose your self-respect for someone who doesn't deserve it. There will be times when you'll be betrayed and hurt, but whatever happens, never let that smile vanish."

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"People surrounding you are only a living reflection of your inner realm."

D.V. Tejesh
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"An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

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"May the fireflies follow you, to the places where the butterflies do not."

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"Kuch waqt do, sab theek ho jayega!"

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