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“ANONYMOUS” hacks our attention

Amidst the turmoil, chaos and outrage that has followed the death of George Floyd on the streets of Minneapolis, a familiar presence returned: the guy Fawkes masked face of Anonymous, the Batman-like vigilante of the internet that was once widely feared, now appears to be back in action. The claims have been put forth courtesy a viral video posted originally on Anonymous' own Facebook page itself. In the video, the figure speaks out against police brutality in the light of the recent murder of George Floyd by ex-officer of The Minneapolis Police Department. The loosely defined, online hacktivist collective, in the video promises to "expose the many crimes" of the Minneapolis Police Department to the world. The video message also states "In the past two decades, 193 people have been killed by police in Minnesota." It eventually states that the travesty has continued for far too long, and the people have had enough. The video has attracted more than 85000 responses on Facebook. After its release outwards sign suggested something was afoot. The city of Minneapolis webpage appeared to go offline and so did the Minneapolis Police Department's website. In online forums, individuals began circulating a list of almost 800 email address and password that Anonymous purported to have stolen from the Minneapolis Police Department. All these years later, Anonymous is back in the news, but it's not clear that if this is actually the same group of hacktivists who rose to prominence a decade ago. Anonymous was always a loose collective of hackers, journalists, activists. If this is a new crop of people controlling Anonymous's account or calling themselves Anonymous the question that arises is "Can they still have an impact on the World?"

~ Vanshika Choudhary

SENIOR LEADS JUNIOR

The first-ever Senior Leads Junior program of Mussoorie International School was a futuristic concept that served as a stupendous learning opportunity. For better comprehension of ideas and perspectives amongst students, the school was divided into two groups namely: junior and senior. This led to 4 highly engrossing sessions. On the 12th of June, an opening ceremony marked the commencement of the event. The Senior group had their first session on 'Assumptions, Analysis and Information Literacy'. The deluge of debates and opinions was eye-opening and upskilled our apprehension on different outlooks. 'Ethics and Communication' was the subject for the following session. Here, we widened our perceptions of cultural values and social norms, which concluded the first day.

The second day started with a session on 'Leadership styles and Qualities'. With amusing segments of activities, we gained a better understanding of ourselves and what we reach out for in our lives. The final session was on 'Public relations and Decision making'. The underestimated vital role of Public relations for businesses and public figures was called to attention in this period, alongside emphasising on decision-making skills. To draw the event to an end, we had a closing ceremony where the body exchanged views to recognise the success of this webinar. My takeaways from this event surpassed expectations and showcased that this virus can't put an end to learning and leadership.

~ Nirali Sawartha

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WILL CHINA OVERPOWER INDIA?

~ Radhika Chhaparia

During the recent period, a military stand-off between India and China took place on their disputed border in the Himalayas, where around 20 soldiers lost their lives. Upon investigation, we inferred that both the army troops had come openly n number of times because of the shared borders. Chinese soldiers accused Indian soldiers of crossing the border twice and provoked them. India and China have never really been in good terms and as of now, it seems like the situation is worsening. The Prime Minister of China has openly ordered the military to prepare for war. Several other factors also add to the probability of China imposing a war on India. First and foremost, China was found deploying dozens of underwater drones in the Indian Ocean region. During this health crisis, China is becoming political and is pushing its borders against Japan, Australia, Vietnam and even India. Many countries in Asia need financial help and China has been providing aids. The problem comes when these countries cannot repay the country and thus fall in debt to China. Here, time is the key. As time passes, the loans keep increasing and the countries are bound to it. If we carefully analyse the pattern then India is surrounded by countries which owe China like - Pakistan, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives. Thus using these countries as a military base, they can attack India from multiple sides and our nation will be in a situation where it cannot defend itself effectively. The only way to get past this is to hamper China's economy. If we cannot use the bullet force then let's use the economy force and boycott China's goods, products, gadgets and apps. Just like our prime minister, Narendra Modi always says, "LET'S GO LOCAL!"

ASSAM'S NEOTERIC INUNDATION

~ Shatakshi Singh

Recent flooding in Assam—northeastern India has worsened, with disaster authorities reporting that over 900,000 people are affected. The second wave of flood began around 20th June where over 16,000 people in the districts of in Barpeta, Dhemaji, Lakhimpur, Nalbari, Jorhat and Sivasagar were the victims of the overflow. Since the 28th of June flooding has continued to intensify and, 926,059 people in 2,071 villages across 23 districts have been affected, according to Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA). In the eyes of India's Central Water Commission, river levels are at "Severe Flood Situation" (warning level 2 of 3) in 14 locations across the state, including the Beki river in Barpeta district, which stood at 45.37 metres on June 28th, above the danger mark of 45.1 metres. Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal took stock of the flood scenario in the state on Thursday evening and had a video conference with the deputy commissioners of the affected districts. Sonowal directed the officials to ensure adequate relief materials are provided to those who are affected and are currently taking shelter in relief camps. He stressed that while conducting rescue and relief operations, necessary safety measures should be taken to certify that there is no spread of the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) in the relief camps and amongst the victims of the overflow. An individual said, "We can't help the rain but we can certainly control the damage caused by floods."

JOURNEY THROUGH THE MYSTERIOUS GLOBE

- Google Search introduces new feature: What to Watch.
- Deadly gun attack on Pakistan stock exchange.
- 23 die in Bangladesh Ferry Accident: Emergency services
- Another loss for the Industry: Choreographer Saroj Khan passes away due to cardiac arrest aged 71.
- International Airlines probe Pakistan Pilots after reports of 'Fake Licence' emerge.
- Global coronavirus cases exceed by 10 million.
- China forces birth control on Uighurs to suppress population.



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A MILESTONE OVERCOME

Another loss to the vast Bollywood industry, Sushant Singh Rajput, the actor passed away on June 14, 2020, and it has not been easy. Alongside the mourning family and fans, an extremely crucial debate is back on the table: coping with mental health issues and suicide prevention. While all media platforms have been continuously focused on finding the reason behind the mishap, the focus has been withdrawn from the real problem. Moreover, why does there have to be an incident or a death, per se, for the world to look at these problems? Do they not exist otherwise? Why are they always neglected? Social media remains to be the biggest platform to share thoughts, feelings and opinions, so why not utilise it in the best productive way possible. While at home, one must have viewed

and even showcased their sorrow for the lost soul and maybe had ached for their friends to open up to them. Is this bringing a change? People suffering from mental pain find it immensely difficult to open up about their thoughts, even if willing to, due to the circumstances created by all of us. The struggle is hard and painful. So how do we help these people with their problems without knowing who they are? Mahatma Gandhi once said, "Be the change you want to see in others." It could be anyone close to you or you, yourself having a hard time, so seek within yourself, look into your own heart, and clear your thoughts out. Witness yourself evolve, and try to share, if not with a person, but to your mirror reflection, because we step into this world alone, and exit the same way. Be your reason to smile first, then

another's if possible. If you're going through a phase, here are a few things to remember and do:

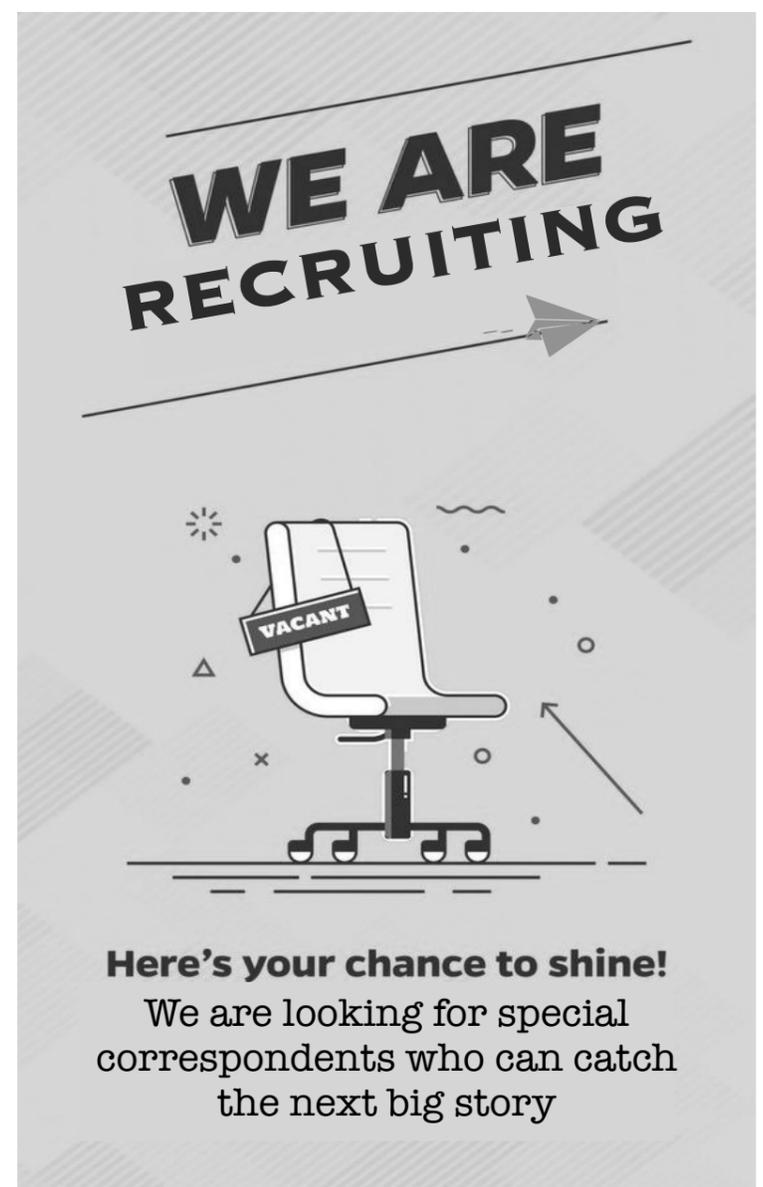
- Try to get in touch with a trustable adult or friend.
- While an emotional outburst, count backwards to control your mind from taking a wrong or regretful decision.
- Try to write down your feelings in a diary or journal. It is always better not to bottle up the emotions within.

Having unspecified sort of negative thoughts is very common among teenagers, but it should not be the end. There will come a time further in life when you'll look back and smile because it was a harsh phase, that passed, you overcame a milestone. It is your choice, to survive or live.

~ Mannat Kaur

RESOURCES FOR HELP

- 1098 - Child Helpline Number (India)
- +91-8376804102 - Fortis Stress Helpline
- +91-7893078930 - One Life Foundation
- 1800-233-3330 / 0261-2662700 / 1860-266-2345 - Vandrevala Foundation
- +91-91529 87821 - iCall
- +91-9820466726 / www.aasra.info/helpline.htm - AASRA (Language : Hindi and English)
- +91-7676602602 - Parivarthan Counselling Helpline Services
- 13reasonswhy.info



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MESSAGE FROM THE ORIGINALS TEAM

The most awaited day is finally here. We are **HIRING!** (...you did not notice the posters) All you need to do to be part of the only club that has not stopped functioning and is working on a regular basis even during quarantine is you need to be a senior but not as old as an ultimate senior aka the oh-so-adult Esoterics! We are looking for illustrators who can illustrate snakes and snails in the disguise of human as panthers, special correspondents who have the ability to find us the next character from a Walt Disney movie (Sleeping Beauty will always and forever remain in our hearts. May you be comforted by the outpouring of love and support by your successors), IT members who can do last minute formatting and editors who can add oregano to the margarita of articles (chilli flakes is also accepted). There is a link of a Google form that we have provided which needs to be filled latest by 5 pm IST, 7th July, 2020. We strictly follow a 'First Come, First Serve' policy so if you are late, better luck for next year is all we got to say.

Click here if you are the senior we are looking for:- https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1VpFbDbQLIKRkITBPz8WK25DMcyKYlqOU6b9_9BF905I/edit

“The thing about smart people is that they seem like crazy people to dumb people.”

~ Stephen Hawking

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1. Finding Nemo 2. Casino Royale 3. Four Weddings and a Funeral 4. Beauty and the Beast 5. Maze Runner 6. Happy Feet 7. Men in Black 8. 27 Dresses 9. Kung fu Panda 10. Joker 11. American Pie 12. Black Swan

ANSWERS:

WE'RE RECRUITING SUPERHEROES

TO HELP FORMAT & ILLUSTRATE THE FUTURE
(ISSUES OF THE ORIGINALS)



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