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EARTH IS SUFFOCATING

~ Anousha Srivastava

The Arctic circle, the North Pole, one of the coldest places on our planet is grappling with the worst fire for the second consecutive year in history. Two hundred forty-four million tonnes of CO₂ has been emitted into the atmosphere due to the fire in the first six months as compared to 181 million in the whole of 2019.

Most of the fire has sourced from Russia's Sakha Republic province. However, other countries, like Canada and the US, were able to control the fire.

The heating of the Arctic circle will have a cascading effect whereby the heatwaves will break the records. The heating also means that the ice will start thinning, causing the sea's water levels to rise globally.

Humankind should start thinking about preserving the natural resources so that Earth can be protected from environmental changes, and it continues to be our home!

ASCENDENTS OF PRIDE

INTER- HOUSE DANCE COMPETITION OVERALL RESULTS

Lakshmi house - 346

Santoshi house - 327

Gayatri house - 309.5

INTER- HOUSE SINGING COMPETITION OVERALL RESULTS

Lakshmi house - 477

Gayatri house - 390

Santoshi house - 362

THE INDIAN EDUCATION'S TRAIL-BLAZER

~ Melonee Maibam

"The end-product of education should be a free creative man, who can battle against historical circumstances and adversities of nature.", the words of a wise man live on long enough to prevail the earth and were such spoken by the Bharat Ratna receiver; first Indian to hold a professorial chair at the University of Oxford, and the man whose birthday is celebrated as Teachers' Day (5th September): Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.

Coming off the small village of Tirutanni in Tamil Nadu, Radhakrishnan was born to Veeraswami and Sitamma Radhakrishnan in the year 1888. From infancy, Radhakrishnan was a golden child, to which his father held gargantuan dreams of making him a priest. But even with rigid chains of words, the golden child ripped them with a farrago of aims on Philosophy and World Literacy. With

numerous honourable titles under his name, many of which include Ambassador of UNESCO, Order of Merit, Vice President of India, his interest in philosophy peaked after gaining free books from his cousin. Teaching at an early age of 21 to becoming full-fledged Philosophy professor at age 28, his distinctive teaching led him to be loved by his pupils.

After focusing more on his national duties, Radhakrishnan was a member of parliament, heading the Rajya Sabha as the Vice President of India. He authored several books as his speeches on sciences were known world-wide. He had been nominated five consecutive years for the Nobel Prize in Literature. His aid in layering the foundation of the alliance between India and the Soviet Union has acceded. The world started recognising the prestigious minds of India. As the heightened demands of his pupils'

celebration on his birthday, Dr Radhakrishnan merely replied that rather than celebrating his birthday nationally, it should be declared as Teachers' Day.

Receiving Bharat Ratna laid his path open to many more honours. The first Sahitya Akademi honour was conferred to him in 1968. Before his sudden expiration due to heart failure, Dr Radhakrishnan was bestowed the Templeton Prize.

The jovial smile of fellow who used to deteriorate the anger of his fellow congressmen by reading verses from Bhagavad Geeta and the Bible; who made Mao Zedong grin with familiarity; is the one for whom we celebrate Teachers' Day as we remind ourselves that, teachers are no less than candles-consuming themselves to light the path for their students but also distributing the knowledge of making the same light.

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A LETTER TO THE LEGEND

Dear Mr. Chadwick Boseman,

I've grown up watching you act in movies, being a superstar, a spy and most importantly an amazing protector of Wakanda. It brought me immense grief on 29th of August, Saturday morning where I was bawling my eyes out like a child when I first heard the news of you passing away.

I've always known you were a fighter. You were Jackie, you were James, you were Thurgood and you were the herculean T'Challa, the best of the best characters an industry could ever ask for.

When you were diagnosed, it was a stage III colon cancer in 2018. You gave us Black Panther, Civil War, Infinity War, Endgame, Thurgood Marshall, 21 Bridges and 5 bloods; back to back battling cancer. You showed us bravery and strength and honour. Did not hint on us the slightest pain.

We've learned to fight no matter what. We followed you and forever will. We pray that you are in good hands. May your soul rest in peace on the faith land. We love you eternally.

WAKANDA FOREVER.

Yours truly,

Tenzin Nyidon

THE GREAT INDIAN POLITICIAN

~ Vanshika Choudhary

[1935-2020]

Former 13th President Bharat Ratna Pranab Mukherjee passed away on Monday after prolonged illness at the age of 84. The sorrowful news of his demise was announced on twitter by his son, Abhijit Mukherjee. Our former President had been in a deep state of coma due to complications following a brain surgery earlier this month. On Tuesday, he was cremated with state honours at the Lodhi Road crematorium. President Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the nation in paying their respect to the great leader.

JOURNEY THROUGH THE MYSTERIOUS GLOBE

- Ten newborn babies were affected by the virus in a hospital in Uttarakhand, as the nurse tested positive for COVID-19.
- PM Modi's twitter account was recently hacked. Tweets addressing crypto donation were made, which are now taken down.
- The US refused to join the initiative for developing and distributing coronavirus vaccine as it is led by WHO.
- Examination guidelines released by the government state that only areas out of containment zones are to conduct exams.
- A US Diplomat said that China is taking advantage of this virus, stating India as an example.
- India faced the biggest jump in the race of cases, reporting over 80K cases in 24 hours.

JUST A TOUCH

His hand was where it shouldn't be
But it was me, who I thought was
wrong.

Although I had never been intimidated
I felt everything but strong.

The few seconds that lasted,
Left an impact.
An impact, so strong
I forgot how to react.

I was absolutely dumbfounded when
His hands caressed my chest,
The touch left me so nauseated
That I couldn't decipher the rest.

Those things were not worse
And it was all that mattered,
But the moment I was unacceptably
touched,
My life was shattered.

"Thank God, it was 'Just a touch'
And you were not raped",
This was how I was comforted.
How my mouth was taped.

But it was not 'Just a touch'
It has made me insecure,
It has infected me with a disease
They haven't found a cure for.

Shivers still run down my spine
When the memory is remembered,
But the urge to fight against it
Is something I've surrendered.

It's become a dark secret,
A secret, I cannot easily share,
Scared that I'll be judged
And given that sympathetic stare.

Even though this awful memory
haunts me
Like nightmares, once in a while
I am supposed to bear with it
And move on with a smile.

Isn't it funny?
That all the hardships are
For the victim to endure,
Because it was 'Just a touch'
And not something more.

~ Sakshi Dharnidharka

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INDIA GOING INTO RECESSION?

~ Mohini Chandra

COVID-19 has affected the GDP of all countries negatively with the country estimates being:

Japan- 7.6%

USA- 9.0%

Germany- 10.1%

Canada- 12.0%

Italy- 12.4%

France- 13.8%

UK- 20.4%

India is, unfortunately, at the top with an estimate (as per Business today) of 23.9%; almost a quarter of our GDP. IIFL backed up this estimate of India's GDP. On the other hand, other experts estimated that the GDP could be closer to -12%. Either way, in the best-case scenario, our country's economy will have a GDP of -n812%, and we must prepare ourselves for all possible cases.

WIPED FROM INDIA

These are a few apps that have been banned by the Indian government as of 2nd September 2020. The names in-front are replacement apps suggested by the team.

1. PUBG: ARK- Survival Evolved
2. VPN for TikTok: Mitron
3. Beauty Camera Plus: Candy Camera
4. Haloplay: Houseparty
5. Alipay: PayPal
6. U-dictionary: Google Search
7. MV Master: Bolo Indya
8. Ludo All Star: Ludo King
9. Music: Media Monkey
10. Hide App: Easy Vault
11. WeChat: Slack
12. CamScanner: Microsoft Lens
13. Sina News: Inshorts
14. CamCard: Evernote
15. Baidu: Google

WE DON'T HAVE IT EASY

~ Samiksha Singh

Being a Cambridge student is not easy, no matter what others say. It is a widespread belief in our school that Cambridge students have it easy, they have free lessons, they have laptops, they have an "easy" syllabus, and so on. But the fact that these thoughts, which are complete and utter hogwash, have never penetrated people's skulls is what has made me write this.

I will start with the 'easy' syllabus part. Now that is what you call a complete misconception. Our books might seem easy but let me tell you our question papers are completely different. Also, the fact that we have multiple papers for one subject does not really make it easier. Let's take English as an example; I understand that English is not easy in any of the boards, but the fact that Cambridge's English is just another level, cannot be overlooked. Also, it is not as easy to get a ninety per cent in Cambridge IGCSE First Language English or AS and A Level English Language. About the free lessons, firstly, they are not 'free' per se, they are lessons for us to do our self-study and other research as prep is not enough for us to do so. We get free lessons, also because it is not possible to make a timetable in which everybody is busy as we all have different subject combinations.

Laptops. This is the most crucial topic. People usually think that Cambridge students being allowed to use laptops is unfair. May I use this opportunity to clear this misconception, WE NEED THEM. Our curriculum asks us to do research and state facts in our study. Please visit this page: <https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/Images/329750-2019-syllabus.pdf>, on page no. 41 of this PDF you will see the need to have ICT opportunities in our syllabus as stated by Cambridge International itself.

This needs to be written down, as it needs to be proved to the students, who think that Cambridge is 'easy' and the Cambridge students get undue advantages, that we do not have it easy. I have been a Cambridge student for two years now, and I cannot say what the cause of this prejudice that others have against us is. However, it is good to see that there are people who are complete opposites and are not biased to one's opinion. I wish to convince the others to turn unbiased as well. Also, I do not mean any disrespect to anybody or any other board; I only want to prove that we struggle just like any other student.

OODLE DOODLE



~ Shreya Ranjan

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The Diary of a Mistar

Dear Diary,
So, the past week was another regular week with a few activities. Same old stuff. Honestly, I'm getting tired of writing the same thing again and again, but then nothing new is happening, so I can't really write anything new. Well, go ahead and read what I have to say about stuff that happened the past days.
We had a profile-building webinar in addition to some universities visiting, it was a good one. Grade IIs and I2s all signed up for internships and are ready to put another good thing on their CV.
Congratulations to all the participants of the Vocal Singing participants and the house captains.
Now to the sadder part,
We all know that Chadwick Boseman and our honourable former president Mr. Pranab Mukherjee passed away a few days back. The country is mourning our dear former president while the world is mourning the legend named Chadwick.
These are difficult times and 2020 doesn't seem to be anywhere near the end. We hope all of you are well and all your family members and loved ones are safe and sound. We pray that the deceased souls rest in peace.
~ Samiksha Singh

COMPLETE THE BEAT

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| 1. _____ bring back, _____ bring back you.
● Memories
● Thoughts
● Songs | ● Dogs
● Wolves
● Friends | ● Light
● Diamond |
| 2. Tastes like _____ on a summer evening.
● Wine
● Strawberries
● Grapes | 6. Love your _____, and all your _____, all your perfect imperfections.
● Hugs, Kisses
● Curves, Edges
● Smile, Scars | 10. Pain! You _____ me down, you build me up, believer.
● Pull
● Bring
● Break |
| 3. Sin city's cold and _____, no ones around to judge me
● Silent
● Lonely
● Empty | 7. I like your _____, you like my Gucci shoes.
● Skechers
● Sketches
● Dresses | 11. Stay and play that blink-182 song, that we beat to death in _____
● Miami
● Tucson
● Paris |
| 4. I'm _____ in the dark, with you between my arms.
● Laughing
● Crying
● Dancing | 8. Lashes and _____, ATM machines buy myself all of my favourite things.
● Purses
● Diamonds
● Earrings | 12. Do you ever feel like a plastic bag drifting through the _____, wanting to start again?
● Air
● Breeze
● Wind |
| 5. I have been running through the jungle, I have been crying with the _____ to get to you. | 9. Love to see you shine in the night like the _____ you are.
● Star | |

ANSWERS
1. Memories, 2. Strawberries, 3. Empty, 4. Dancing, 5. Wolves, 6. (Curves, Edges), 7. Skechers, 8. Diamonds, 9. Diamond, 10. Break, 11. Tucson, 12. Wind



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