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THE FIGHT IS NOT OVER

~ *Sweety Mohanta*



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Nigerian people were enraged after they saw how police oppression and brutality still exists within the police force, even after the dismantling of Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) on 11th October. People took to the streets to protest against the injustice they faced almost every day. Demonstrations mobilised through social media platforms, which started as a call to scrap the SARS unit -who were previously accused of theft, murder, rape, unlawful detention, arrest and many other criminal activities- have now intensified, demanding an end to police brutality by making necessary reprimands in the force.

Police, who are supposed to serve and protect the people, are becoming the cause of fear for the Nigerians when they go out on the streets. Demanding responsibility, accountability, and several welfare reforms, Nigerians are still leading protests, hoping that their cries and voices will be heard in time.

DISMANTLING THE PATRIARCHY

~ *Divyanshi Yadav*

The law reports detect gender discrimination in almost 200 countries. At the current rate of progress, it will require another 108 years for succeeding in gender parity. One such example that bridges this gap is the women of Umoja, Kenya.

The village started as a sanctuary for 15 women, who survived sexual assault and rape by British soldiers in 1990. Today the village has grown to give shelter, livelihood, and a life to any and all women trying to escape genital mutilation, sexual assault and rape, domestic violence, or child marriage.

While we alone are struggling to get our place, this change would require a combined effort of the entire community. We need a change in the perspective of our society which is dwelling under the effects of male dominance. Seeing the current scenario equality seems distant but all we ask for is our share.

#BoycottTanishq

Trouble mounted for renowned jewellery brand Tanishq after it rolled out its latest ad. In the advertisement of the jewellery line, a Hindu daughter-in-law gets ready for her baby shower at her Muslim in-law's place. They organised said function to honour her feelings. However, this ad has stirred a lot of controversies, leaving the internet divided. The hashtag #BoycottTanishq trended on Twitter as netizens alleged that the ad promotes anti-Hindu sentiments. The jewellery brand has reportedly pulled off the advertisement that was released on October 9.

~ *Shatakshi Singh*

A GATEWAY TO CALAMITY

~ *Michelle Bagchi*

A committee appointed by the New Delhi government claimed that we as a nation, have fought the extreme cases and can say that we might be able to 'normalise' the virus living among us. We're hoping that the beginning of the next year could be COVID-free if proper sanitation and safety measures are followed but due to the upcoming festivals, people may tend to be more 'care-free'. If there is laxity at this critical time frame, an outrageous rise of

26 lakh infected individuals will be registered within a month.

An estimated number of 10.5 million (105 lakh) people may catch the virus by the time Covid-19 ends. Any State going under lockdown will face undesirable situations. Hence, the country should minimise conventional resources for smaller vicinities and start advancing towards resuming activities.

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MOCKERY OF POWER

~ Khushi Dixit

Freedom of speech is a constitutional right of every citizen of India, and suppression of the same should be considered a criminal act. Earlier on the 22nd of April, Arnab Goswami, a journalist and a co-founder of Republic TV, was physically attacked for sharing his views against Sonia Gandhi, president of the Congress Party. Now, for bringing out the reality and highlighting the incompetence of Mumbai Police, working at the behest of the present Maharashtra government, which is trying to mislead and save several culprits in numerous politically motivated incidents, the Mumbai police commissioner, Mr.

Balbir Singh personally challenged Republic TV. He accused the channel and Arnab Goswami of TRP (Television Rating Point) bribery. On the 16th of October, Arnab was given ten minutes to be present, in front of the speaker in parliament, to explain his views on the same. This unethical practice shows the desperation of the Maharashtra government and the misuse of power. This recent attack on Arnab Goswami was also attacking and questioning the fact that the world of Journalism walks on the idea of sharing various perspectives and fearless expression of views.

MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN

~ Gurleen Kaur Dhillon

With the start of United States 2020 elections, it is no surprise that the running candidates have given it their all in campaigning and earning the vote of the citizens. Here are some of the highlights of the recently aired Town Halls Of Joe Biden and Donald Trump. Donald Trump was asked on NBC if he had taken the Coronavirus test before the first debate and he did not confirm if he did. He also agreed to the fact that he owes 400 million USD to creditors. Joe Biden's town hall was aired on the ABC network where he highlighted his support for transgender rights, stating "*there should be zero discrimination*". With Biden attracting 1 million more viewers than Trump, one question remains, who will win?

JOURNEY THROUGH THE MYSTERIOUS GLOBE

- The normalcy The normalcy in the past three months has been discontinued as the number of active cases plunge below 50,000 and fall well behind the number of triumphant recovered patients.
- India stoically gives over a Chinese soldier, after attending to him and providing medical assistance, as he goes astray across the LAC (Line of Actual Control).
- Launch footage Launch footage of anti-ship cruise missile, called the BrahMos, released on 19th October, from Indian Navy Ship in Chennai.
- Fatalities in Telangana take a toll of 50 people as heavy rains and flash floods disrupt the city.
- UP hypes "Mission Shakti" by setting up 'Pink Patrol' for round the clock women's safety.
- The doors to the big screen were finally declared open in many states after 7 long months.
- The US charges the popular search engine Google for protecting its illegal monopoly.

OODLE DOODLE



~ Shreya Ranjan

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CLEANSED IN THE AIR

~ Sakshi Dharnidharka



What is the true meaning of celebrating 'Dussehra'? Is it only burning a hay figure of Ravana to prove the victory of the good over the evil or is it something more? If it is the former, what about the evil Ravana that lives within us? The only way for the good to prevail in the society is if we do away with the evil within us, that is what Dussehra symbolises. The Ravana symbolises the bad within us; whereas, Lord Rama symbolises the divine. So, this year when the figure of Ravana is burned, let us throw all our evil thoughts into the fire and let them burn with it. May we all conquer the Ravana within us!

A PATH TO A PROLIFIC OUTCOME?

~ Oprah Maibam

Russia's Covid-19 vaccine, Sputnik V's second trial is to be presided by the United Arab Emirates authoritatively. Conferred during a phone call between Russia's president Vladimir Putin and Abu Dhabi's crown prince Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed al-Nahyan on the 12th of October, the trial has been approved by the state's health ministry. Home to more than 200 nations, UAE's high demographic diversity makes it an expedient location for this experiment to be conducted. Although the Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) has declined to state the number of patients to be tested, the results are expected to be out by the end of November.

NATURE'S WRATH

~ Sunidhi Satyan

Just as we had our entire plate full, this year again topped it up with unbeatable rainfalls and thunder, resulting in the fatal flooding of many cities of India. The India Meteorological Department issued yellow, orange, and red alerts just before the onset of the winds. The weather conditions hyped up to an extreme level in the past few days in areas like Mumbai, Pune, Hyderabad, and many other cities of the southern parts of the country. An acute low-pressure region has been detected, which may have been causing the heavy rainfalls and lightning. These thunderstorms have been the cause of numerous fatalities over the past week. Rainfalls within the city of Bombay and Hyderabad have wreaked havoc as along with floods, it has additionally brought on many other water-borne ailments like malaria, dengue and typhoid. In Hyderabad alone, the death toll stands at 50 and in Mumbai, at least 27 people have succumbed to these diseases. The states have been deployed with more than 100 National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams to carry out search and rescue operations in the affected areas. Therefore, our prayers remain with the disaster-stricken people, with hope in our hearts that everything will be back to normal again.

RELIEF IN DURGA PUJA

~ Gurnimrat Brar

For Durga puja 2020, a pandal in Kolkata decided to replace the idol of the Goddess Durga with that of a female migrant worker, to pay tribute to the hardships and struggle they must have faced amidst the Covid-19. Apart from the idol of Durga, many other idols of various Gods and Goddesses, including Saraswathi, Laxmi, Ganesh, and Kartik, have also been replaced with those of several migrant workers. One of the idols depicted a migrant worker mother carrying a shirtless child, in place of Kartik and a pot-bellied child with an elephant head, denoting Ganesh. Every year the theme of the decorations of the Durga Puja is one of the most important attractions, and this year they chose 'relief' in light of the pandemic. Therefore, the idols have been designed to show migrants walking towards a smaller and more traditional form of the goddess, with ten hands inside a halo, finding relief.

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Diary of a MISTar

Dear Diary,

This week has been relatively normal, we have holidays and it's Navami today! Seniors have been working very hard and have endured extra classes at 8 in the morning even during the Navratri break. Exams are starting next week, and everyone is all geared up to do their best. There have been whispers passed around by the wind that grade 10 and 12 students might have to celebrate their Diwali, Christmas, and New Years back at school, but I don't think they are sad about it, at least the grade 12's I know aren't. Well if you do go, hope you all don't freeze your bones.

Hope everyone had delicious food today and put on some kilos. Let's all hope this Covid situation gets under control and gets over so that we can stop pigging out and get back to school!

Happy Dussehra to all of you!

~ Samiksha Singh

DO YOU KNOW YOUR CRICKET?



MESSAGE FROM TOT

Illustrations in The Originals are one-of-a-kind, and its humour, relatability, and artistic mastery is credited to our illustrator. Shreya Ranjan, who worked as an illustrator along with the last batch, has continued to work for this batch too. We hope you look forward to her interpretations of a MISTar's lifestyle.

The Originals Team wishes you all a happy holiday and hope you enjoy this festive season for Dussehra.

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 2. Dinesh Karthik, Kolkata Knight Riders
 3. KL Rahul, Kings XI Punjab
 4. MS Dhoni, Chennai Super Kings
 5. Rohit Sharma, Mumbai Indians
 6. Shreyas Iyer, Delhi Capitals
 7. Jofra Archer, Rajasthan Royals
 8. Virat Kohli, Royal Challengers Bangalore
 9. Hardik Pandya, Mumbai Indians



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